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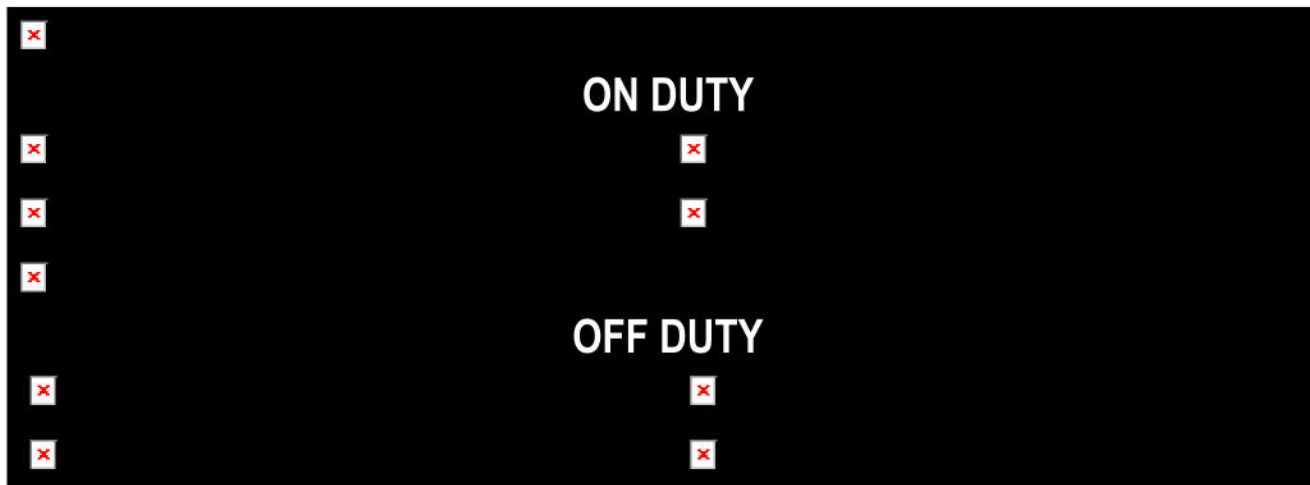


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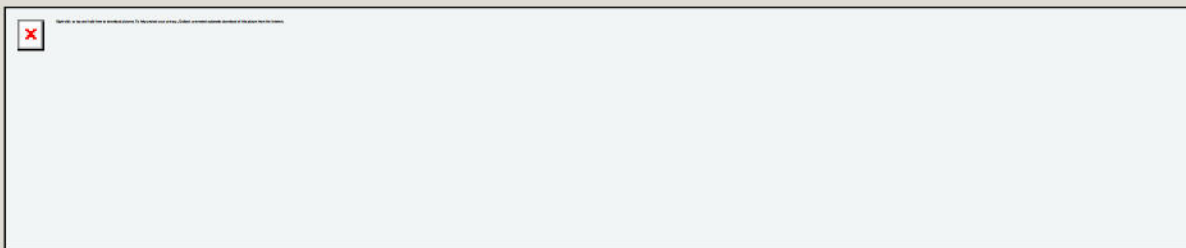
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Subject: Movements at Union Station + Art & Architecture Tours



Metro Art Presents

Movements at Union Station

Metro Art Presents is thrilled to announce "Movements at Union Station," an all-new series featuring three different Los Angeles based DJ collectives!

Join us for luscious, danceable grooves underneath the night sky complemented with visual projections at one of LA's majestic landmarks. The events will also include a drop-in silkscreen stencil workshop led by [Self Help Graphics & Art](#), a photo booth and food trucks. Snacks and libations from Café Crepe.

Fridays on the Union Station South Patio, 8:00 - 11:00pm.

JULY 26 -- [JUJU](#)

We're kicking off the first night in this DJ series with "Juju," a Soul Children experience. The Soul Children are a Los Angeles based crew of artists, promoters and DJs consisting of Al Jackson, Sacred, DJ Rome, mcdj1One and Q Michelle. Their mission is to inject soulful and

creative expressions into the nightlife of L.A. club culture.

AUGUST 2 -- HEAT-WAVE
With Special Guest Norio Sato

A Los Angeles based party series founded by DJs Daniel T. and Wyatt Potts with a focus on international funk and disco records, Heat-Wave has hosted guest DJs from all over the world including Japan, Brazil, Korea, Mexico, Armenia, Greece, Germany, and India, which creates a unique mix of music. The evening is also Heat-Wave's three-year anniversary celebration!

Norio Sato is the owner of the Rare Groove record shop in Osaka and the head of the Members record label. A true connoisseur of music, he also organizes the parties Metro, Norio AZ Music Radio and Positive Affair.

AUGUST 9 -- LA JUNTA LOS ANGELES
With Special Guest Jose Marquez

La Junta Los Angeles is known for its popular LA brand of outdoor cultural celebrations featuring tropical Afro-Latin music. The events feature the rhythms of the Caribbean, Africa and India.

Los Angeles DJ/Producer Jose Marquez's sound blends his early influences of Afro-Latin, Caribbean and other World Music. He has created celebrated remixes and edits of artists such as Celia Cruz, Nina Simone and Oumou Sangare. Marquez has performed at major events in Paris, Athens, Toronto, Los Angeles, NYC, Melbourne, Nairobi, Morocco, Singapore, Shanghai, Peru, Cuba and most recently in India.

Metro Art Presents showcases an exciting array of year-round arts and cultural programs at historic Union Station. All events are free and open to the public. More information: metro.net/art and unionstationla.com.



Metro Art Moves

Art Tours of Rail Stations

Saturday, July 27, 10:30am - 12:30pm

[Art Tour of Gold Line Stations](#)

Meet at the entrance to Del Mar Station

Saturday, August 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm

[Art Tour of Hollywood & North Hollywood stations](#)

Meet at street level entrance to North Hollywood Station

Sunday, August 4, 10:00am - 12:00pm

[Art Tour of Downtown LA stations](#)

Meet at Union Station Information Kiosk, inside Alameda Street entrance

Saturday, August 10, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Art Tour of Downtown LA stations *¡en español!*

Meet at Union Station Information Kiosk, inside Alameda Street entrance

Led by Metro Art Docents, the free tours focus on sharing the stories and processes behind artworks in various stations, getting around town using transit, and drawing attention to area destinations served by Metro. No reservations required.



Art & Architecture Tours of Union Station

Sunday, August 11, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Meet at Union Station Information Kiosk, inside Alameda Street entrance

Led by Metro Art Docents, the free tour covers Union Station art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public, including the Historic Ticketing Hall. Additionally, the tour explores artworks located in the Gold Line portal and inside the Metro Gateway Headquarters Building. Reservations are not required.



Metro Art Moves tours highlight Metro's diverse collection of artworks, heighten the passenger experience in fun and engaging ways to boost public perceptions about transit,

promote rider etiquette and offer opportunities for discovery. Tours are free. More information: metro.net/art.


From: Lori Gay, President & CEO - NHS of L.A. County <nhsinfo@nhslacounty.org>
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News From Home



35th Year Celebration Kick-Off Event! Local residents team up with NHS, Citi and local electeds to volunteer for Neighborhood Pride Day



MONTHLY CLASSES

FasTrak Homebuyer Education Class
9am-6pm
2nd & 4th Saturdays

HOPE Workshops
10am-11:00am
3rd Saturdays

Foreclosure Prevention
10:00am-12:00pm
1st Saturdays

Keeping true to their mission of serving neighborhoods and strengthening families, NHS joined with its 'family' to celebrate 35 years with Neighborhood Pride Day on June 8th as the first of many events over the next 18 months. The key sponsor for the first event was Citi, as a part of their Citi Global Community Day. Also joining in the festivities were local electeds and residents from 3 communities. NHS brought together over 150 volunteers in the cities of Compton, Pacoima, and South LA. Volunteers spent the morning painting five homes, cleaning up trash and debris from the street, planting gardens, revitalizing a church, and cleaning the Compton Creek.

"We're here today to love on the neighborhood," NHS President and CEO Lori Gay told the volunteers. "We're here to serve others, and make sure we leave the neighborhood better than we found it."

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*Home Matters
Workshops*

Held Quarterly

Neighborhood Pride Day, unites local business leaders, volunteers, government officials, and residents to revitalize our communities. Photos from this event are available [HERE](#).

*Neighborhood
Revitalization Institute*

Dates & locations
coming soon

Special thanks to all the volunteers that came for Neighborhood Pride Day and Citi for sponsoring our work in South LA for the Citi Global Community Day. [Watch our recap video](#) about this work and NHS' efforts to beautify blighted neighborhoods.



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**Community Arts Showcase and Mural Unveiling at
June Farmer's Marketplace**

On June 1, Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (NHS) featured a Community Arts Showcase and mural unveiling at its monthly Farmer's Marketplace. Thirty-five (35) vendors showcased original visual art, handmade jewelry, custom wearable art along with unique food, fresh produce and valuable resources. Internationally renown Compton visual artist and recent Webby Award winner [Mr. Wash](#) was a featured exhibitor, along with [Melissa DePaz](#), a Compton Artist who, along with [Anthony Pittman](#), recently completed a [150 ft mural at the Center for Sustainable Communities](#), 1051 W. Rosecrans Ave., Compton 90222. Poster contest winners were announced and several performing artists provided rap, singing and poetry. The Community Arts Showcase was supported in part by a grant received from the [NeighborWorks America Community Leadership Institute](#).

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Meet NHS Client: Joy



Joy moved to America from the Philippines in 1983 as a child with her family and moved to California just three years ago. She is the first in four generations of her family to own a home and was able to buy in North Hills, thanks to NHS and the Neighborhood LIFT program. From her 88 year old grandmother to her daughter who just graduated from college, they will move into their 2 bed, 2.5 bath home with her mother and their cat Jagger. It has been Joy's dream to buy a home and after two years of looking for a place, her coworkers at United Airlines recommend she reach out to NHS. To Joy home is where your love is.

NHS Welcomes New Staff Rita Noorzay & James Price



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Rita Noorzay joins NHS as the Policy Associate. Rita has spent significant time conducting policy research related to New York City's government initiatives in education, housing, and city planning, where she developed a passion for community development and urban issues. For the last year, she worked as a Project Associate with the NYC Department of Education. Rita has a B.A. in International Development Studies from UCLA, and a Master's degree in Public and Urban Policy from the Milano School of International Affairs-The New School. When Rita's not working, she enjoys her dog Milo.



James Price comes to NHS in the position of Controller. He has worked in accounting for 25 years and has held positions in various industries such as manufacturing, financial services, IT staffing & public accounting. He has worked for Fortune 500 companies as well as Mom & Pop businesses. Most recently, he was the Accounting Manager/Acting Controller for Squar Milner in Newport Beach. James wants to give back to the community through his work at NHS and plans to leverage his experience to position NHS for growth and streamline processes. In his spare time, James loves to hike.

Welcome Rita & James!



Tenant Protections & Rent Control

A new report by Public Counsel and the UCLA School of Law highlights the connection between the county's lack of tenant protections and its increased rates of homelessness. The temporary rent control ordinance, which was approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors in November 2018 is, set to expire on December 31 2019. As more than a half million renters have been evicted in Los Angeles County over the past 8 years, county supervisors are being called on to adopt permanent rent control measures. Pamela Agustin, an organizer with Eastside LEADS and the Unincorporated Tenants United Coalition added that in order for tenants to "truly feel secure, they need long-term protections that only a permanent rent stabilization ordinance can bring". Gaining housing security for people at risk of homelessness in Los Angeles County is as critical as ever.

Upcoming Classes & Workshops

Are you looking to purchase a home? Are you having challenges with paying your existing mortgage? Need Home Rehab? We can help. Sign up for these upcoming classes and workshops:



- [Airbnb/NHS Don't Move Improve - June 22](#)
- [Home Matters \(L.A.\) - June 22](#)
- [FasTrak Homebuyer Class \(West LA\) - June 29](#)

Sign-up online at: www.nhslacounty.org
Contact us with any questions: (888) 895-2NHS (2647)





Vendor space available at our July 6th Farmer's Marketplace. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. Would you like to Volunteer? [CLICK HERE](#) Available shifts: 9:30am-12:00pm; 12:00pm-2:30pm or All Day.

We're Hiring and Seeking Interns!

NHS has the following job opportunities available:

- Food Justice Coordinator
- Programs Director - Compton
- Project Management Specialist
- Internships

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Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (NHS) serves as a catalyst for local residents, business and government representatives to work together to build stronger neighborhoods, improve the quality of life for families of modest means and to revitalize communities into neighborhoods of choice.



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To our members:

Last month, numerous members from the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation (OJB) contacted their board of directors to voice their concerns regarding the May 2019 Thin Blue Line cover. As a board, we reached out to the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) to discuss the concerns our members had with the cover. We did not address the related article about the spike in shootings within South Los Angeles as neither the OJB board, nor the members we spoke with, expressed concerns with the LAPPL's description of the role they wished to play in combatting the violence. Given that the majority of our members were residents or are currently residing in South Los Angeles, we fully support all efforts in reducing violence in our community.

Due to the number of calls and texts we each received, we elected to send out a survey to determine how much of the overall OJB membership felt similarly. Upon closing the survey, we met with the LAPPL and shared the results. As your board, we felt it was our responsibility to share your thoughts with the LAPPL, because our sworn members are also their members.

The link below will allow you to see the end results of the survey. The LAPPL has expressed to us that they in no way intended to publish a cover that could be perceived as offensive by their members or members of the community. We will continue to maintain these open lines of communication with the LAPPL in an effort to educate one another and act as professional organizations with similar missions, which is to ensure that our members are treated fairly and as equals.

[Overall Results of OJB Members Survey](#)



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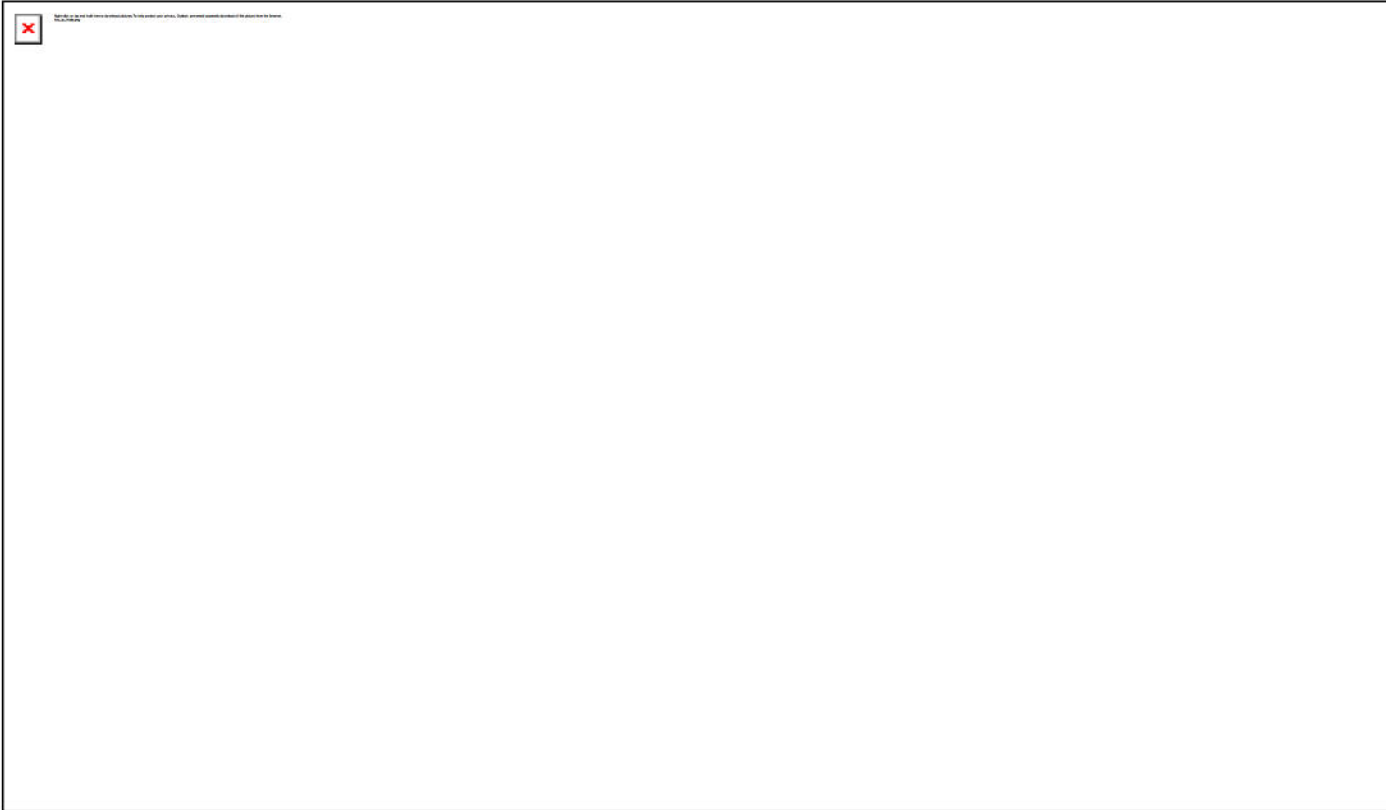


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Gary --

[WATCH:](#) GRAMMY AWARD WINNING ARTIST JAY ROCK HONORED WITH THE KEY TO WATTS



Today, Watts celebrated Grammy Award-winning artist Jay Rock for his contributions to the community. Over the last twelve years, Jay Rock has done so much to lift himself, as well as Kendrick Lamar and Top Dawg Entertainment, into the stratosphere of global music influencers! And all of it started at Nickerson Gardens in Watts! On behalf of the City Council, Councilmember Joe Buscaino presented Jay Rock with the first-ever Key to Watts for his contributions to music, culture, and most importantly to the community of Watts. [WATCH...](#)

[GRAND OPENING: EAST WILMINGTON GREENBELT PARK](#)



In 2002 voters passed Proposition 40 - the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods Parks & Coastal Protection Act - which provided \$300 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for habitat protection (fee and conservation easements), restoration and development of wildlife-related public recreational opportunities.

The East Wilmington Greenbelt Park was one of many projects funded by this proposition. Please join us for the grand opening of the park which features new walking trails, new outdoor fitness equipment, new concrete walkway, new playground rubberized surfacing, new pre-fabricated restroom, new synthetic multi-purpose fields, and new security lights. [RSVP...](#)



[READ:](#) LA CITY COUNCIL PASSES ANNUAL BUDGET





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[By Donna Littlejohn, *Daily Breeze*](#)

LAPD's Harbor Division jail will open at last — a decade after work on the then state-of-the-art facility was first completed.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's record-breaking, \$10.6 billion budget, which passed Wednesday, May 23, includes funds for upgrading and staffing the jail in San Pedro.

With the facility shuttered, Harbor Division officers have long been forced to take those they arrested to the 77th LAPD Division for booking, removing patrol officers from the streets during the time it took to make those trips.

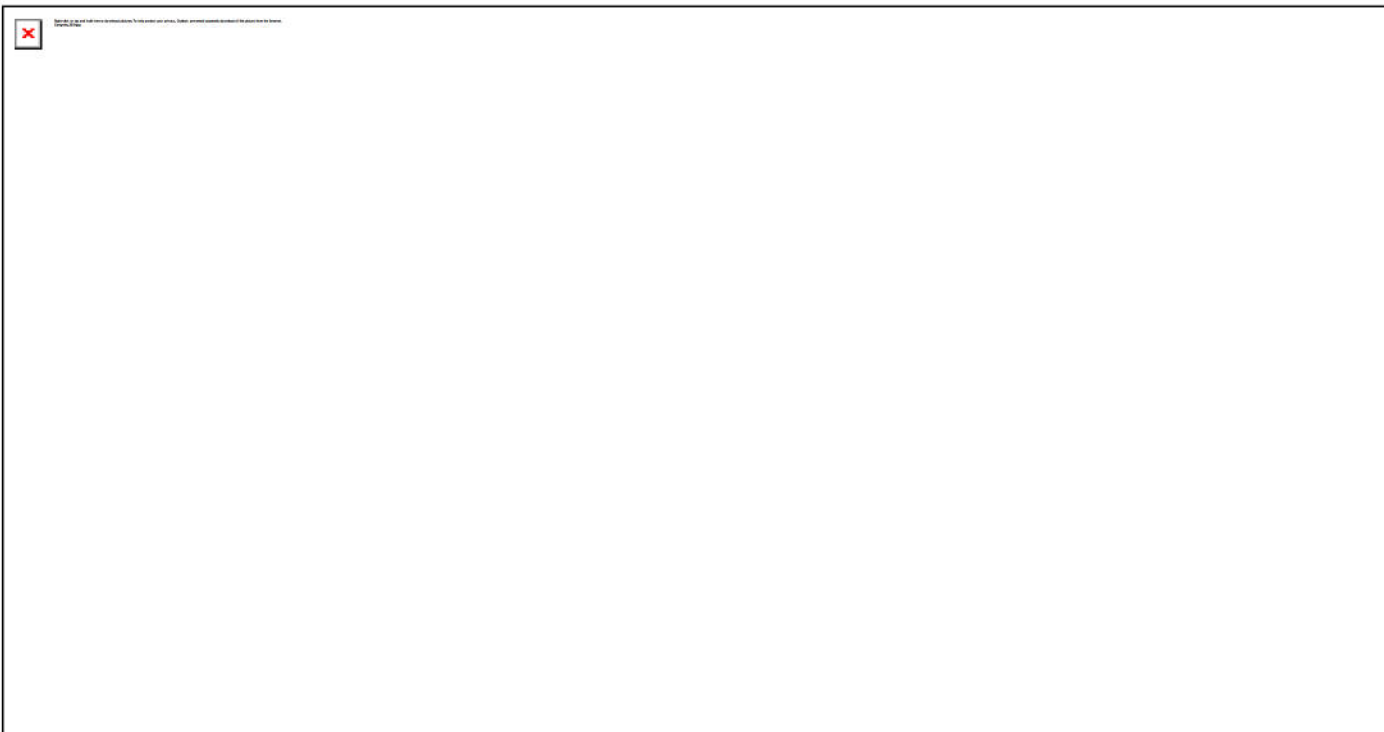
But with money in the budget for necessary upgrades, the facility is now targeted to open early next year.

"This is a landmark," said Mona Sutton, a San Pedro business owner who heads up the Community-Police Advisory Board and helped lead the grassroots portion of the fight to open the jail. "Such a huge win for our community.

"It's going to be a (police) force multiplier," Sutton added.

The jail will also serve Wilmington, Harbor City and Harbor Gateway, all communities within the 15th City Council District represented by Councilman Joe Buscaino, a former LAPD officer. [READ MORE...](#)

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



This week both [College Track](#) in Watts and the [Boys and Girls Club of LA Harbor College Bound](#) program honored this year's graduating classes. Congratulations to Team Buscaino intern Luisa who was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship and will be attending CSU Fullerton in the fall! This year [College Track](#) in Watts had a graduating class of 43 students who are headed to college in the fall. Congratulations graduates!

THIS WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY



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1. Narbonne baseball is heading to City Section final after extra-innings win over Bell!
2. Linda Grimes, Managing Director of the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District, welcomed the [California Arts Council](#) to San Pedro.
3. Congratulations to the first class of recipients of the STEM STEP scholarship at Los Angeles Harbor College. Marathon Petroleum donated \$25,000 for scholarships and the first mother in space, Astronaut Dr. Anna Lee Fisher addressed students as the keynote speaker.
4. Congratulations to everyone who made Tianguiz Cultural at 1st Christian Church in Wilmington a success. Fifteen vendors came together for the first-time pop-up with food, crafts, and clothing all Latino, Chicano and LA inspired.
5. Volunteers finished the new mural at the Harbor City Recreation Center.
6. Thank you to everyone who supported the Southeast Division Tip-A-Cop fundraiser.
7. Congratulations to [IDEPSCA](#) Harbor City Community Job Center on the occasion of their solar panel ribbon cutting!
8. Community members attended the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan update at Harry Bridges SPAN School.
9. Thank you to SLO Perez and SA Recycling, who partnered together to dispose of these abandoned boats in Wilmington.
10. Team Buscaino listens to the talking walls at Jordan Downs Illumination, an artistic representation of the many lives lived here in the housing development.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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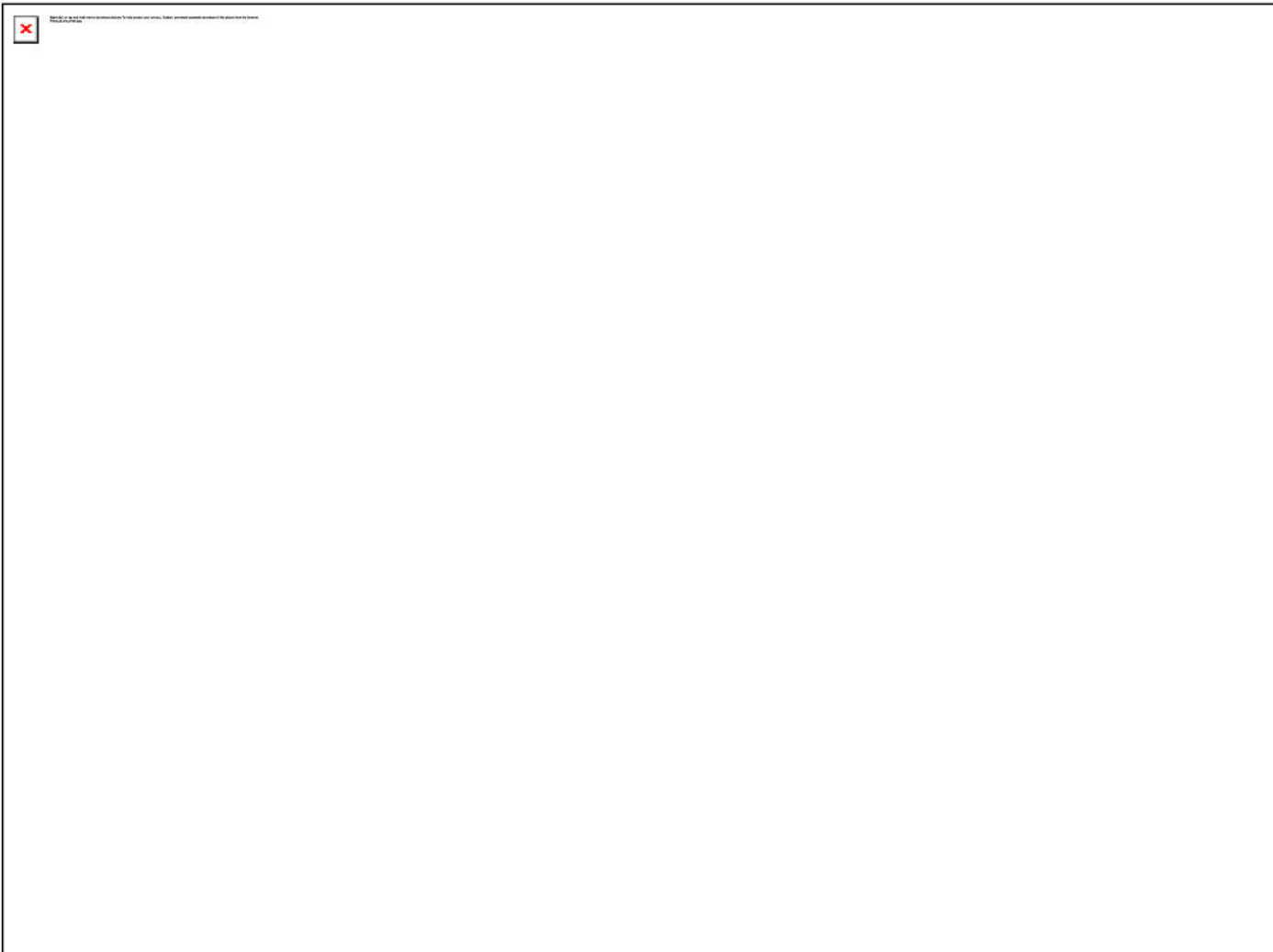


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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



In memoriam of San Pedro legend Kuzma “Matty” Domancich who passed away this week at the age of 96. Matty is the original owner of the Bike Palace in San Pedro and the biggest booster of the community. He will forever be part of our history and we will never forget him.

Joe Buscaino, 15th Council District
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ROBB - 17

LAST 48 HRS 05/16/19 – 05/17/19 (11)

AGG - 8 1 Family Violence; 7 Stranger (Pending 1 downgrade)

Gang Aggs: 0

1) 1912-13781, ADW, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 0400 hrs., 6215 S. Normandie Ave., RD 1245, FV

2) 1912-13686, ADW w/Paintball, Thursday, May 16, 2019,
0500 hrs., Florence Ave / Western Ave., RD 1253, Stranger

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3) 1912-13774, ADW w/ Paintball, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1710 hrs., Gage Ave. / Cimarron St., RD 1243, Stranger

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4 & 5) 1912-13795/13797, ADW w/ Paintball, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1720 hrs., 2826 Southwest Dr., RD 1242, Stranger

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6 & 7) 1912-13778/13780, ADW w/ Paintball, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1730 hrs., 2815 W. 67th St., RD 1242, Stranger

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8) 1912-13812, ADW, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 2000 hrs., St. Andrews P. / Gage Ave., RD 1243, Stranger

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ROBBERY (3)

Last 24: 2 Robberies, 1 Attempt Robbery. Total: 3.

(2) Street, (1) business

(1) semi-auto handgun (1) bodily force (1) knife

1) 191213758, 8201 S. Avalon Blvd, RD: 1269, Thursday., 05/16/19, 1215 hrs., Knife, Business.

[REDACTED]

2) 191213782, Crenshaw/58th Street., RD: 1232, Thursday, 05/16/19, 1600 hrs., semi-automatic handgun, Street.

There are two victims in this crime. The victims were in the area to take pictures of the “Nipsey Hustle” mural at the “Marathon Store”. After

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3) 191213785, 79th Street/San Pedro Ave, RD: 1268, Thursday. 05/16/19, 1300 hours, Bodily Force, Street.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OJB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To our members:

This afternoon, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) sent a letter out to its 10,000 members making statements regarding the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation (OJB) and the May 2019 cover of the Thin Blue Line. Since the May issue was published, OJB's leadership has been in contact with the President and Vice President of the LAPPL. Both the President and Vice President had previously stated that they wanted open lines of communication if there were

ever any issues OJB was aware of concerning the LAPPL and its actions.

So when several members of OJB contacted us to express their concern about the May 2019 cover of the Thin Blue Line, we shared those concerns with the LAPPL. Additionally, we advised them that we would survey the membership so that we could accurately convey how much of the membership felt similarly. Because it is our job to represent your interests, we did not want to take any final actions without first asking you how you felt, then sharing those results with you; and finally, advising you of what action we intended to take on your behalf.

To be clear, the survey you each received asking for your feedback has **not** closed. We thereby have **not** shared any conclusions with the LAPPL. We intend to allow you time to fully share your thoughts with us, and we will let you know our plan of action before we take it.

Despite what the LAPPL is doing, we, as your Board of Directors, remain committed to you and the mission of the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation. We will continue to ensure you are provided the resources and guidance to perform your duties at the highest level. We will continue to provide you with a platform to have your voices heard. And we will continue to represent you in a way that is measured, professional, and carries forward the tradition of excellence established by all those before us who have served the Los Angeles Police Department, this organization, and the residents of South Los Angeles with honor, dignity, and respect.

Respectfully,
The Oscar Joel Bryant Board of Directors

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[LAPPL May 2019 Cover- Thin BlueLine Survey](#)



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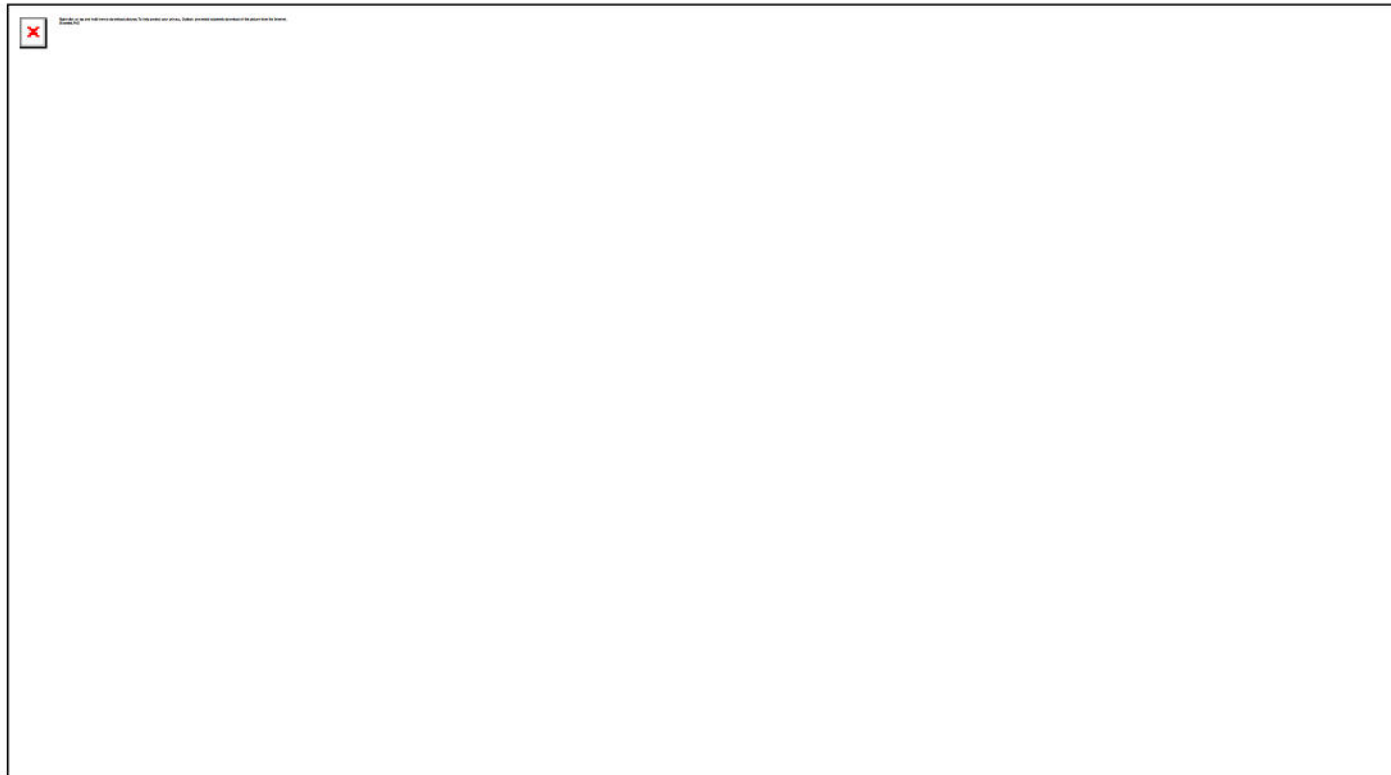
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SHAREFEST WORKDAY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 15



Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the annual Sharefest Workday last Saturday! Every year local businesses and community organizations sponsor and adopt project and then recruit volunteers to make hundreds of community improvements in a single day. See below for a list of all the projects that were completed in Council District 15!

Wilmington

- Wilmington Dog Park - Plant trees, place boulders, and install a water fountain.
- Hawaiian Avenue Elementary - Bench building, shade installation, garden box installation, STEAM mural painting, and quote murals.
- Avalon High School - Replace planters, plant plants, replace tree, remove and plant shrubs along the street-side of campus.
- Pacific Harbor Christian School - Bench construction, landscape makeover, parking lot & playground paving, handball murals, container murals, and lunch area murals.

Harbor Gateway

- Boys and Girls Club Gardena - Wall painting, vine planting, shrub cleanup, remove grass and replace with pebbles.

Harbor City

- Harbor City Recreation Center and Community Garden - Install 8-9 garden beds, sign painting and work station setup.
- Narbonne High School - Mulching planter boxes, weed removal, planting, exterior painting, and mural installation.

San Pedro

- Angels Gate Cultural Center - Exterior painting.
- 22nd Street at Crescent Ave. - Planting, mulch, and weeding.
- Dana Middle School STEAM Magnet - Exterior painting of 9 bungalows, interior painting of 36 individual classrooms, tree & shrub planting, bench building, table building, shading installation, and handball wall mural.
- San Pedro High School - Teacher's lounge makeover.
- Youth Leadership Center - Install baseboards, "pod" paneling, kitchen paneling, assemble furniture, and install tech equipment.

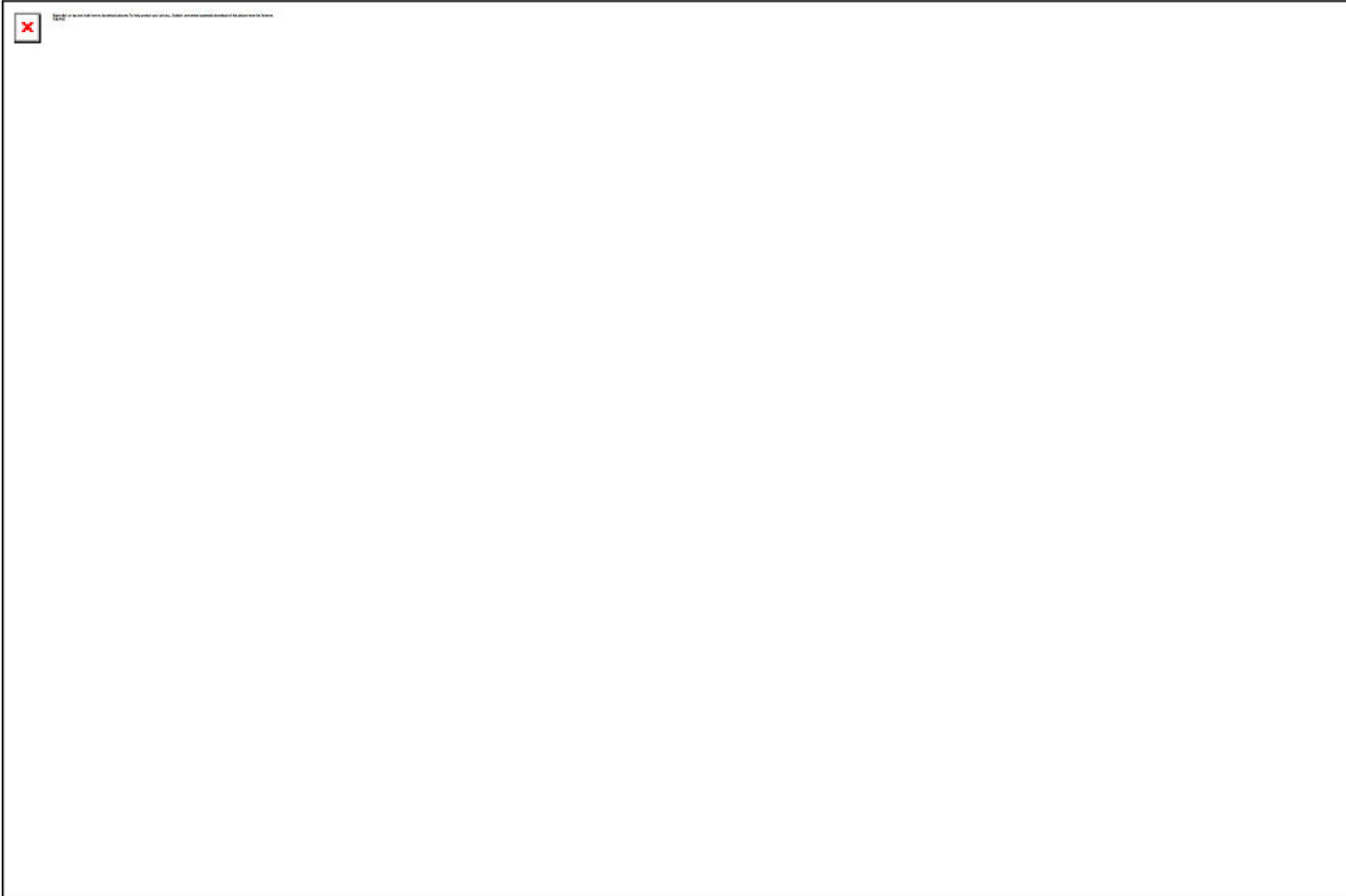
- Bandini Elementary School - Mural touch-ups, garden mural painting, garden planting upgrades, staff lounge and bathroom painting and front of school landscaping.

SAVE THE DATE: HARBOR CITY SKATEPARK GRAND OPENING



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READ: TOLL GROUP REPLACES NFI/CAL CARTAGE AT PORT OF LA



By Tyson Fisher, *Land Line Magazine*

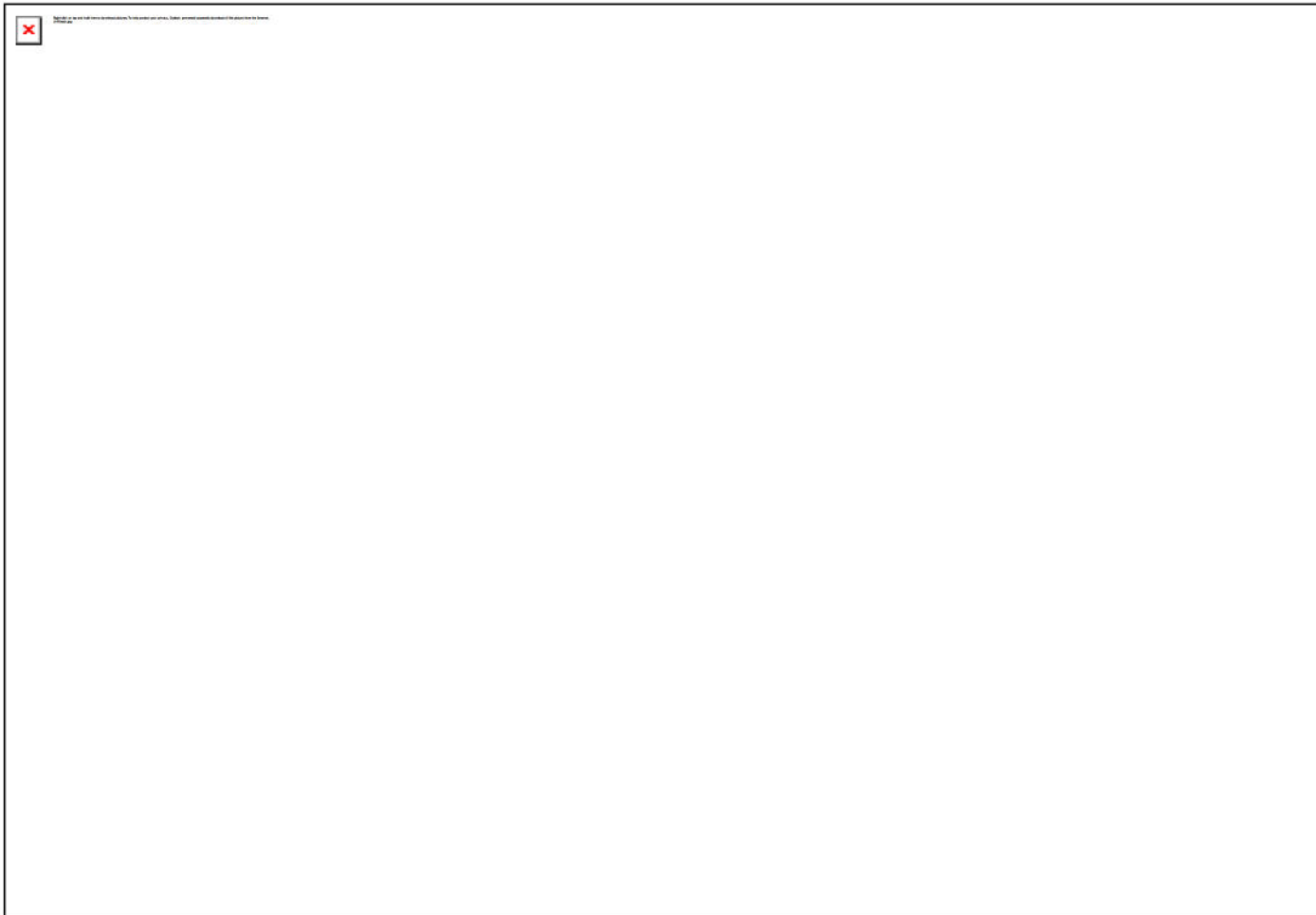
After NFI/California Cartage packed up its bags and left the Port of Los Angeles, it left behind a rather large space of land. Recently, the port announced that logistics company Toll Group Forwarding has been chosen to potentially fill that void.

Toll Group will negotiate with the port to lease the 85-acre site previously held by NFI Industries. The site includes 600,000 square feet of warehouse space and open space for trucking operations. California Cartage and NFI had occupied the space for more than half a century before it announced its departure after losing a multimillion dollar misclassification wage suit.

According to a statement from Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino, the contract will include a worker retention clause to ensure that a number of former NFI employees will have the first opportunity to be rehired.

“It was unacceptable that a company who routinely misclassified employees, withheld wages and maintained an unsafe work environment was allowed to operate on city-owned property for so long,” Buscaino said. “I am hopeful that under this new ownership, workers on this site will be classified properly, paid their wages, and work in safe conditions. Los Angeles is sending a message that our city will not tolerate companies who take advantage of and abuse their workers.” [READ MORE...](#)

[READ:](#) NEW TECH AT LAPD MEANS MORE OFFICERS IN THE FIELD



[By Craig Clough, *Daily Breeze*](#)

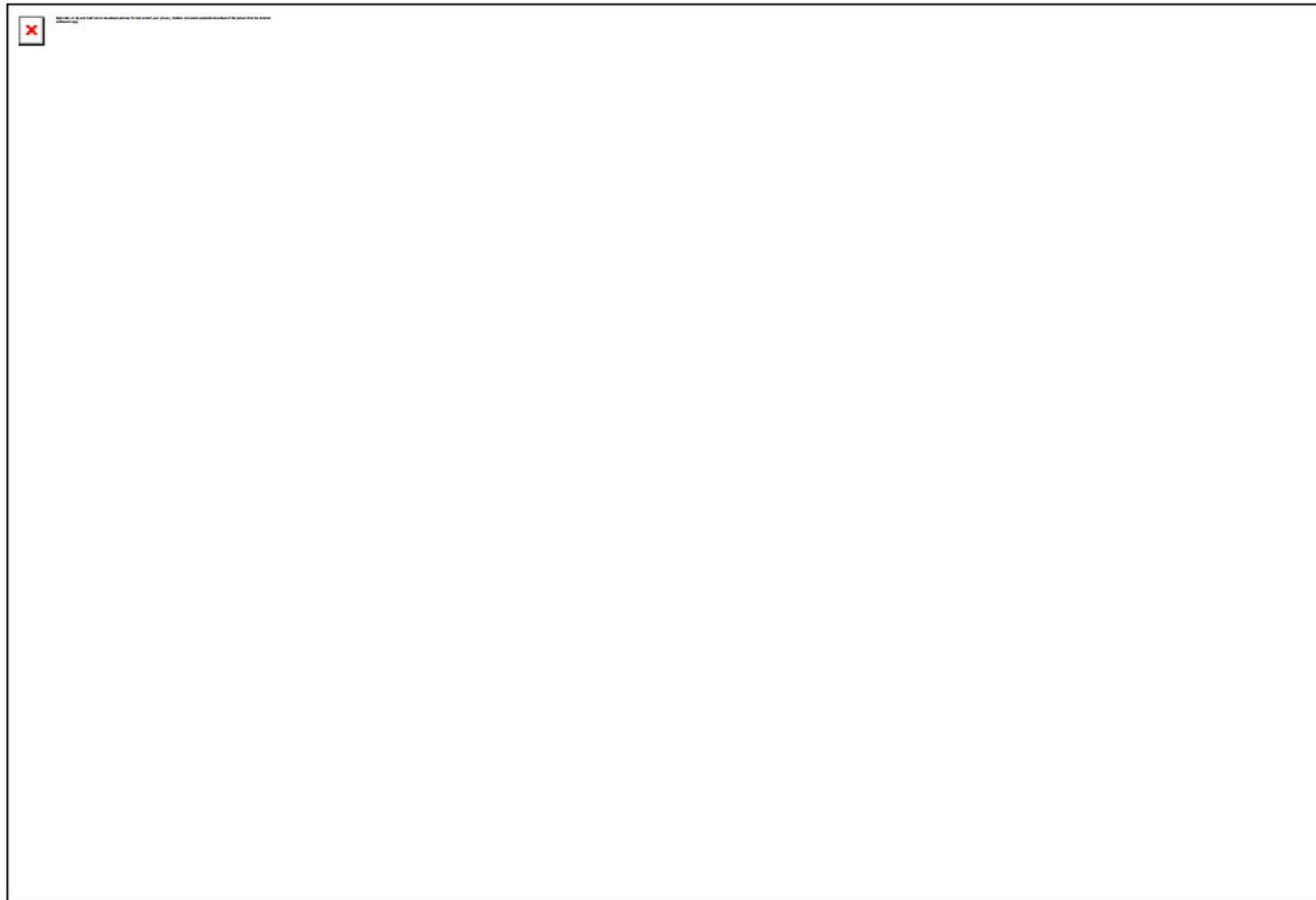
Los Angeles Police Department Chief Michel Moore said Thursday that extra money earmarked for new computers and digital technology in Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposed budget will result in a significant boost to the percentage of time officers spend in the field.

Garcetti's proposed 2019-20 budget includes \$14 million for new computers and other tech for the department, which is a down payment on what he has estimated is an \$80 million need that may take up to

three years to complete and also include a matching fund system with the Los Angeles Police Protective League that will be raising money privately.

Moore told the Budget and Finance Committee that in the mid 1990s, the LAPD stopped using handwritten reports and began having officers type reports on word processors. [READ MORE...](#)

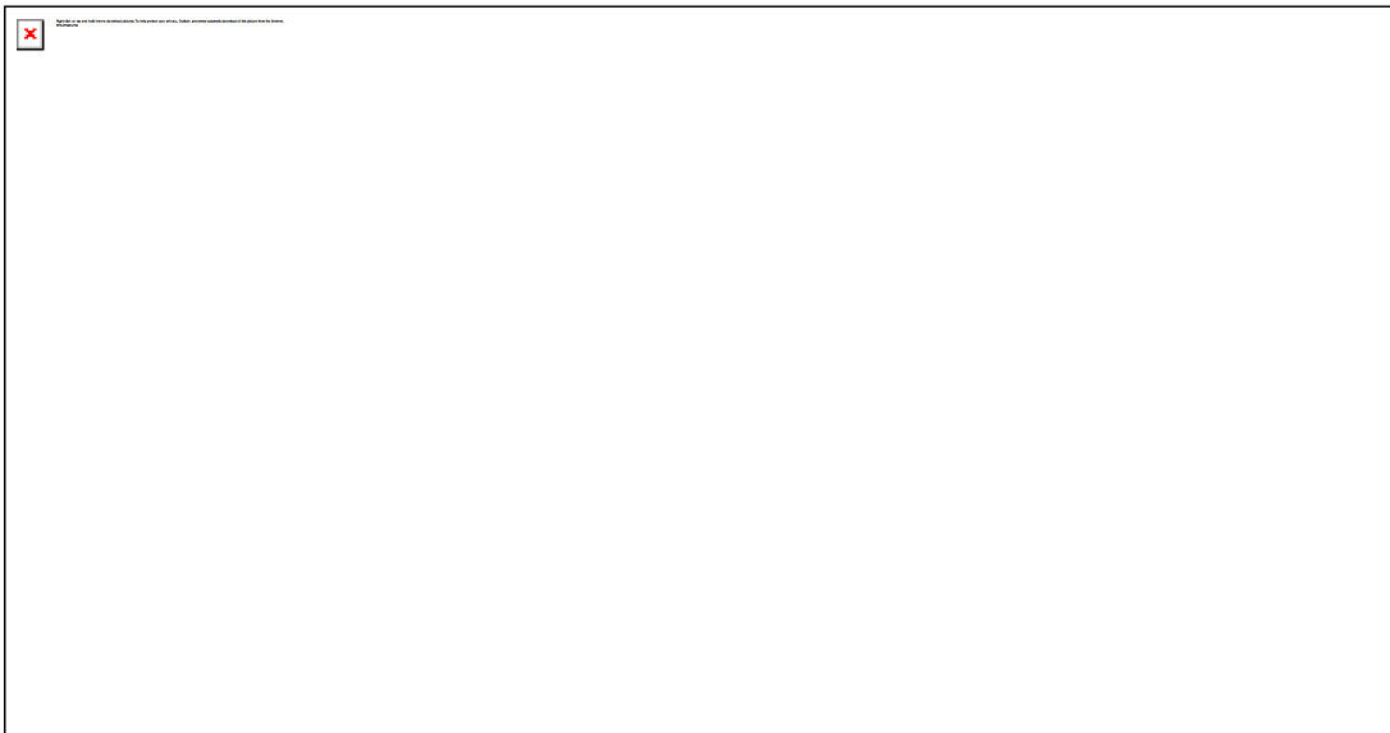
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The City of Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development is conducting a survey about living, working and playing in the City of Los Angeles to better understand the community experience and identify how we can protect, improve and enhance the City's long-term quality of life and economic prosperity.

Please help us by taking the following 10-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LATMPCSE>

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THIS WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY



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1. Councilmember Buscaino met with Uchenna Nwosu of the LA Chargers and a Narbonne alumni, and City Lights Gateway Foundation to discuss ways to partner on football programs in Harbor City!
2. Over 350 kids from Watts, Wilmington, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway attended Tuesday night's Dodger game.
3. World War II Veteran, Sam Sachs, age 104, who led the "Flying Coffins" on D-Day and liberated a Nazi concentration camp, was honored as "Service to the Armed Forces Hero" during the 15th Annual Hometown Heroes Luncheon for his contribution to the American Red Cross.
4. Congratulations to the Wilmington Instrument Company on the occasion of their 75th anniversary!
5. Team Buscaino represented the City of Los Angeles at Weigand Elementary's Career Day in Watts.
6. Team Buscaino toured the new Los Angeles Harbor College Student Union building which includes the new culinary arts program!
7. Hundreds of community members participated in the annual Harbor City Rad Run 5K!
8. Thank you to everyone who has worked on the construction for the harbor city Skatepark set to cut the ribbon June 21st
9. Team Buscaino toured New Green Day, a business that has been in Watts for over 14 years and offers full-service recycling which includes helping LA Sanitation to grind and recycle defected trash bins.

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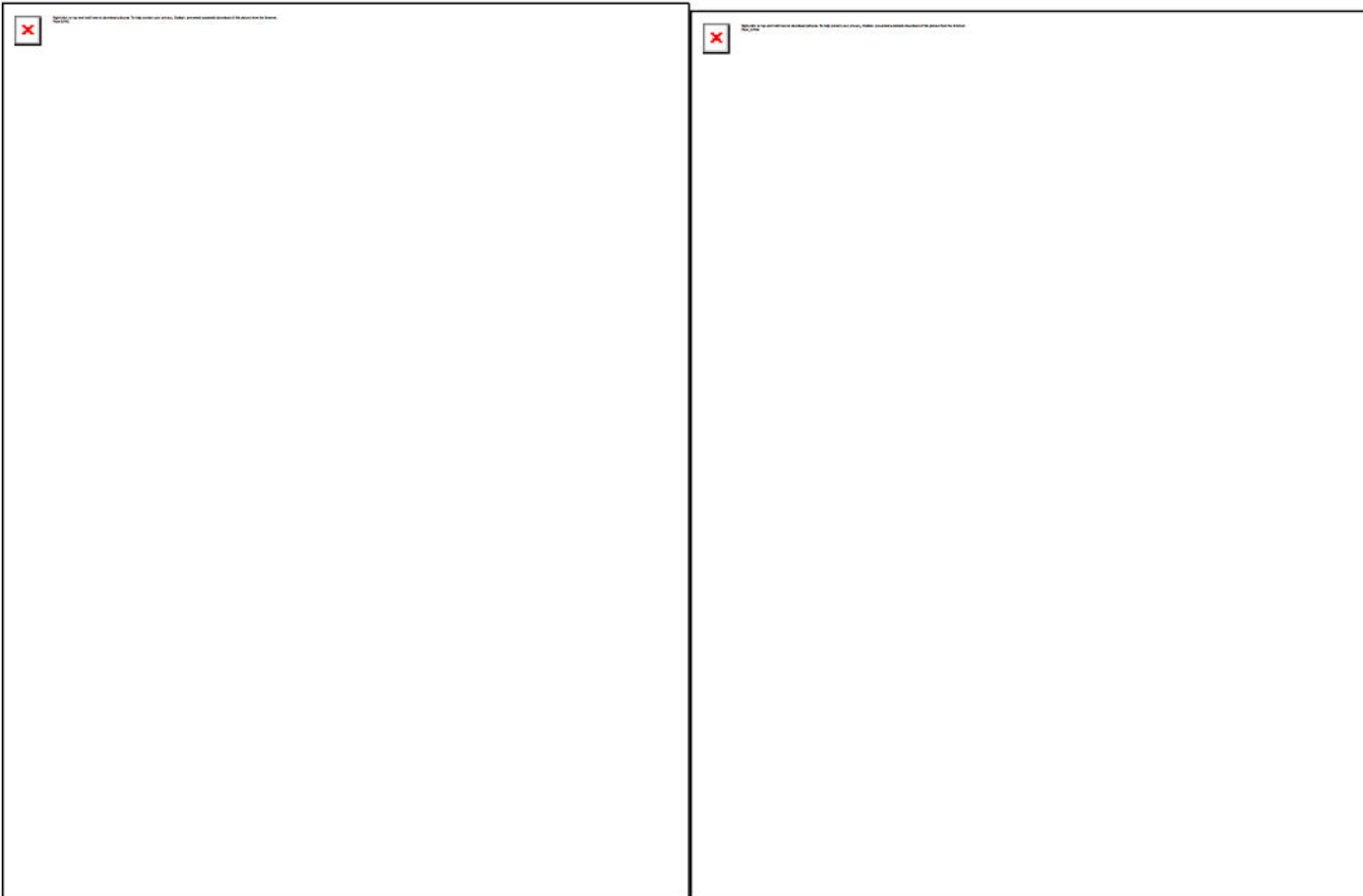
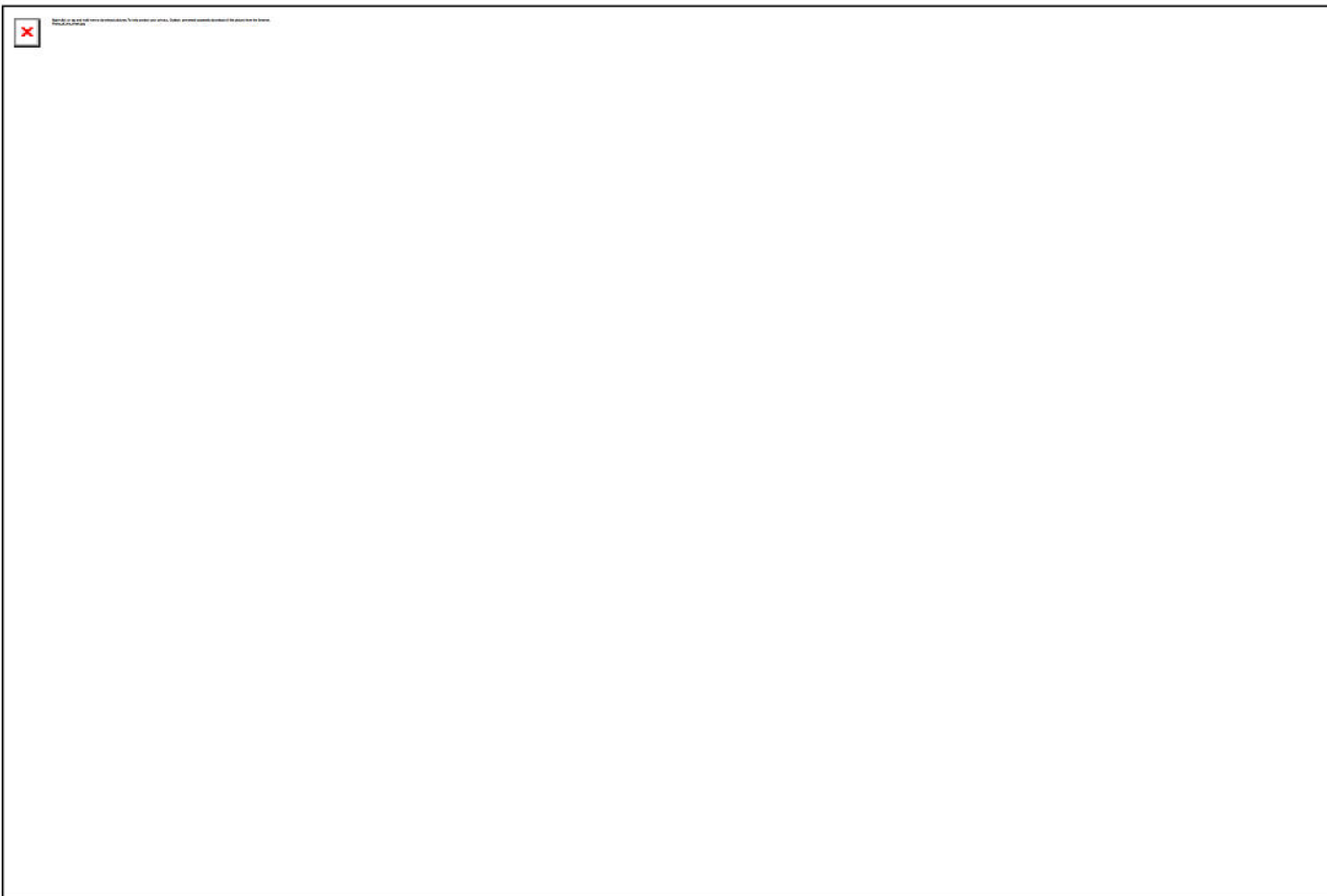


PHOTO OF THE WEEK



LAPD Officer Richard Medina ran 24 miles in full uniform to honor his partner Officer Roberto Sanchez who was killed in the line of duty five years ago.

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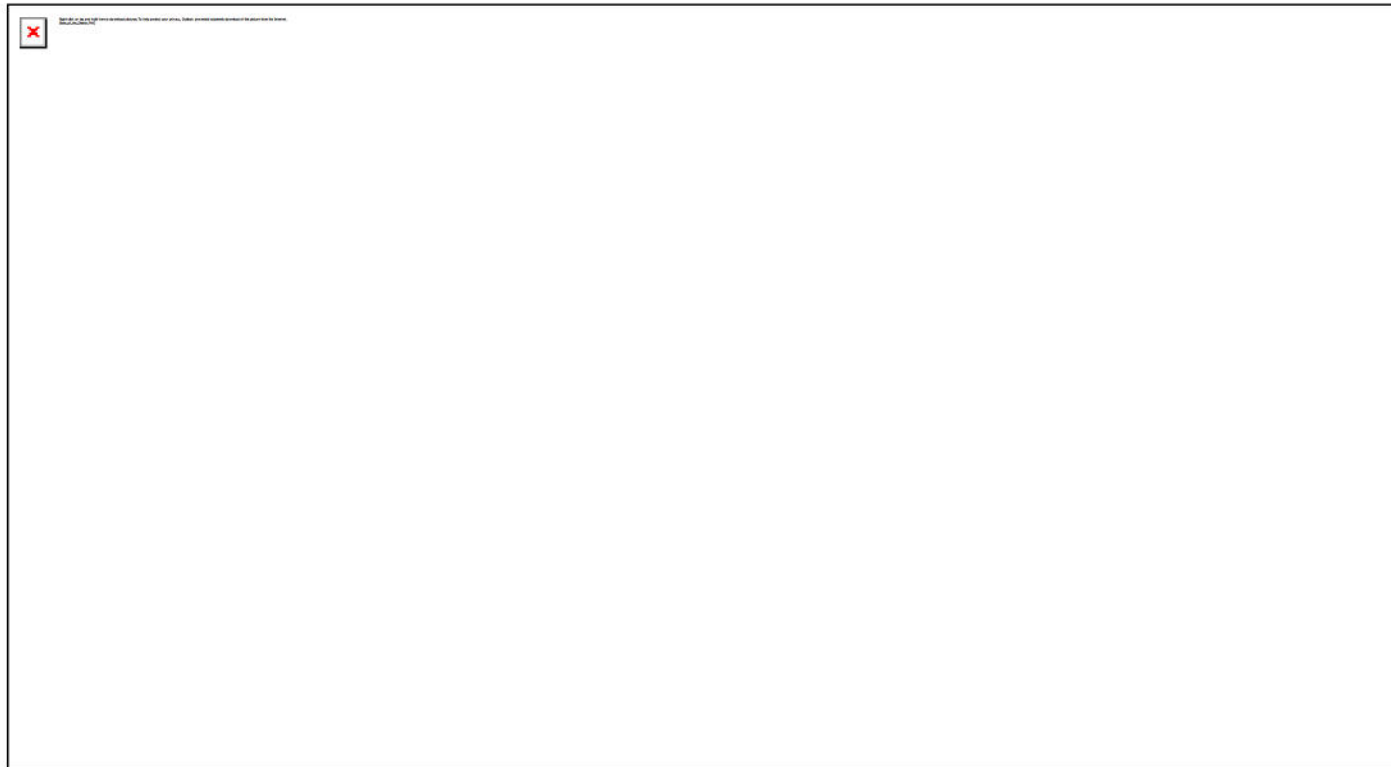
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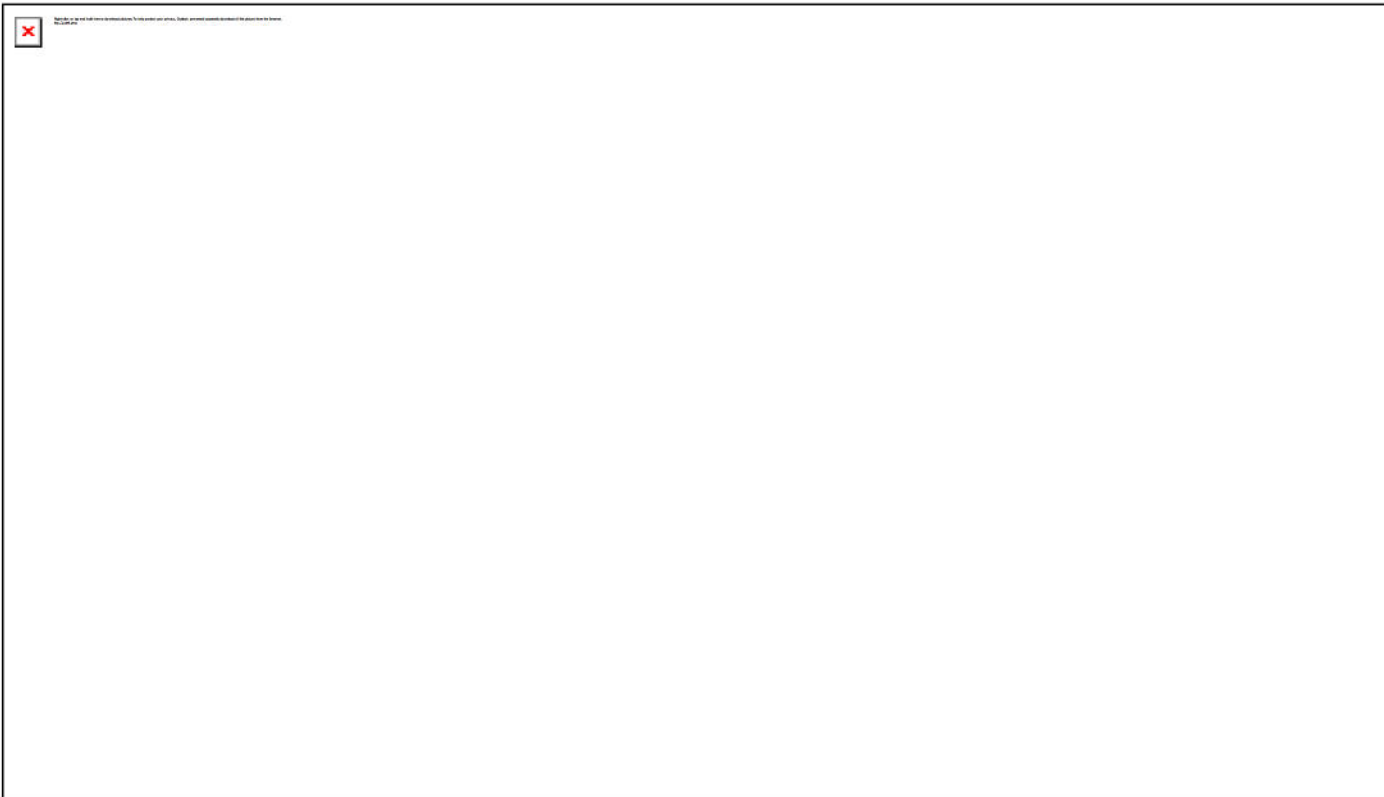


The following is an abbreviated version of Councilmember Buscaino's annual State of the District. Please [watch the video](#) for the full address.

"As we look toward the future of this region, I am reminded by my goals when I took office a little more than 7 years ago to take the determination and discipline that I learned during the 15 years I served as a police officer in the LAPD, and use it to create a City that works for the people, not against them. Since I took office, this Council District has gained approximately 4,000 jobs, and the average wage in the district increased by approximately \$10,000 dollars per year to \$55,000. The value of building permits pulled in this Council District increased more than fourfold since I took office!

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Today I will speak about my economic development strategy that I believe will continue to create more jobs and raise salaries. This strategy focuses on three things:



Addressing my first focus: Placing transformative projects at the center of the community to set off a chain reaction of additional investment that will create more jobs, more housing, more amenities and improve the quality of life for community members.

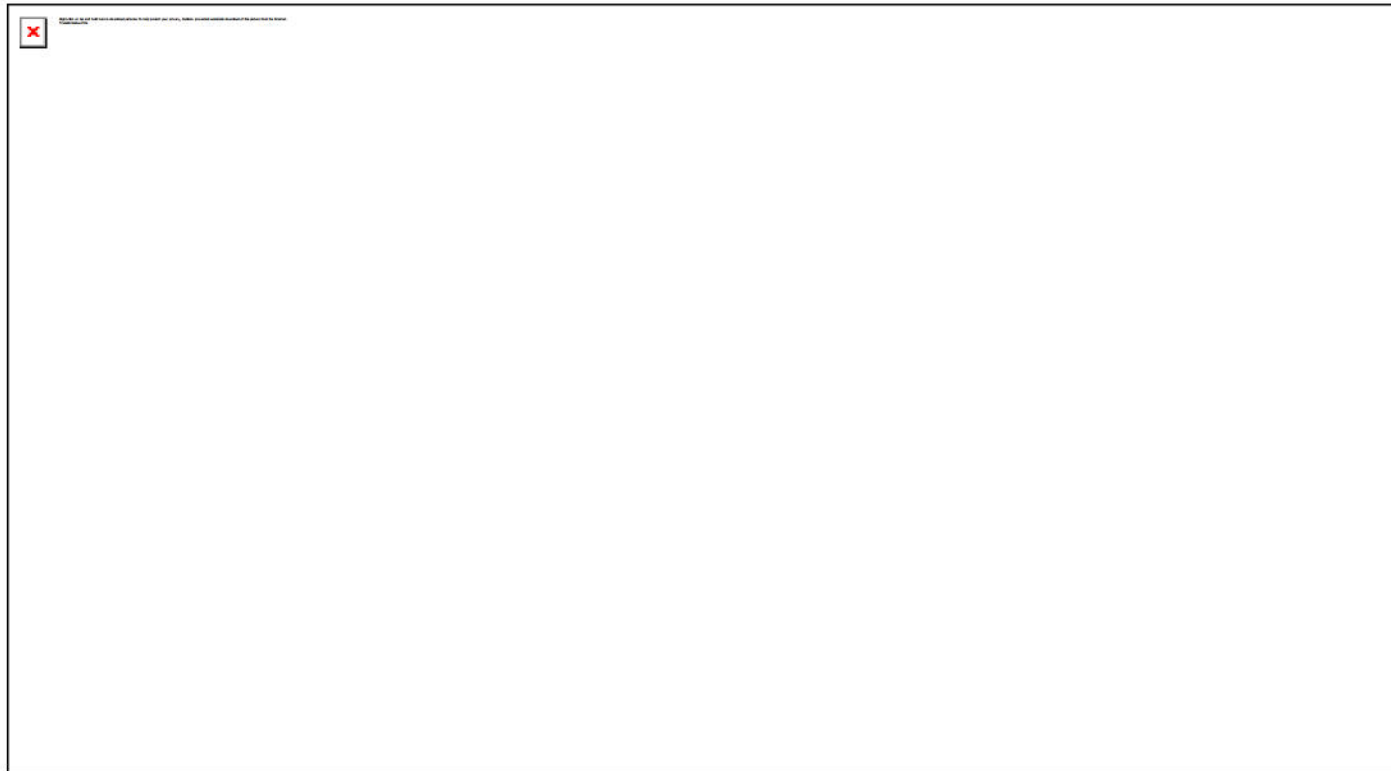
Our first transformative project before you is the LA Waterfront and the San Pedro Public Market. Our second transformative project is the redevelopment of the Rancho San Pedro housing development by the One San Pedro Collaborative.

After I first took office, I worked hard to finally make the Jordan Downs redevelopment a reality- a transformative project for the Watts community that deserves better than WWII era housing.

In Wilmington, we are making significant progress on the transformative \$100 million Wilmington Waterfront Park. We are also starting the Phase II of our On Avalon Initiative, to support new and existing businesses

in that area. And as you just heard, Marathon is helping us with a one million dollar investment toward the Wilmington Town Square Park.

In Harbor City, the \$100 million dollar renovation of Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park and Machado Lake has been a catalyst for innovative community programming.



Addressing my second focus: We all know that Public Safety and Economic Development go hand-in-hand. We cannot attract investment and development in the region if people do not feel safe to live here or to open their businesses here. Because of the work of our Harbor community, and specifically, our Community Police Advisory Board led by Mona Sutton, Mayor Garcetti has included the opening of our jail in his budget. Additionally, thanks to the work of James Dimon, a CPAB member, our new batch of patrol officers will get back up with new license plate reader cameras that will be coming online this summer. The Port Police have recently collaborated with the Los Angeles Fire Department by loaning a fast boat that allows fire department personnel to arrive at water calls four times faster.



And just as we are committed to working together to prevent crime in the LAPD Harbor and in the Southeast Areas, we are also demonstrating leadership to address our City's most significant social crisis: Homelessness.

This is why we are changing the definition of and attitudes towards shelter. A Bridge Home is the City's new model for a temporary emergency housing program that provides homeless individuals with immediate access to shelter and services while they wait for more permanent housing solutions.

In the past three years, we had mostly concentrated our efforts on supplemental outreach and encampment cleanups. But time has proven that cleanups alone do not solve homelessness. Through our outreach, we have met many people who are ready to get off the street if there was only someplace to go. For the population of homeless unwilling or too sick to accept services at A Bridge Home, Providence Little Company of Mary here in San Pedro has recently opened a Behavioral Health Center.

However, even then, there is another step in the process. Ultimately we must build supportive housing throughout the city, otherwise, we will experience a bottleneck between the emergency housing and permanent housing. Each of the 15 Council Districts has pledged to build 220 of supportive housing in their respective communities, and while we are close to meeting our share here in our district, we must build

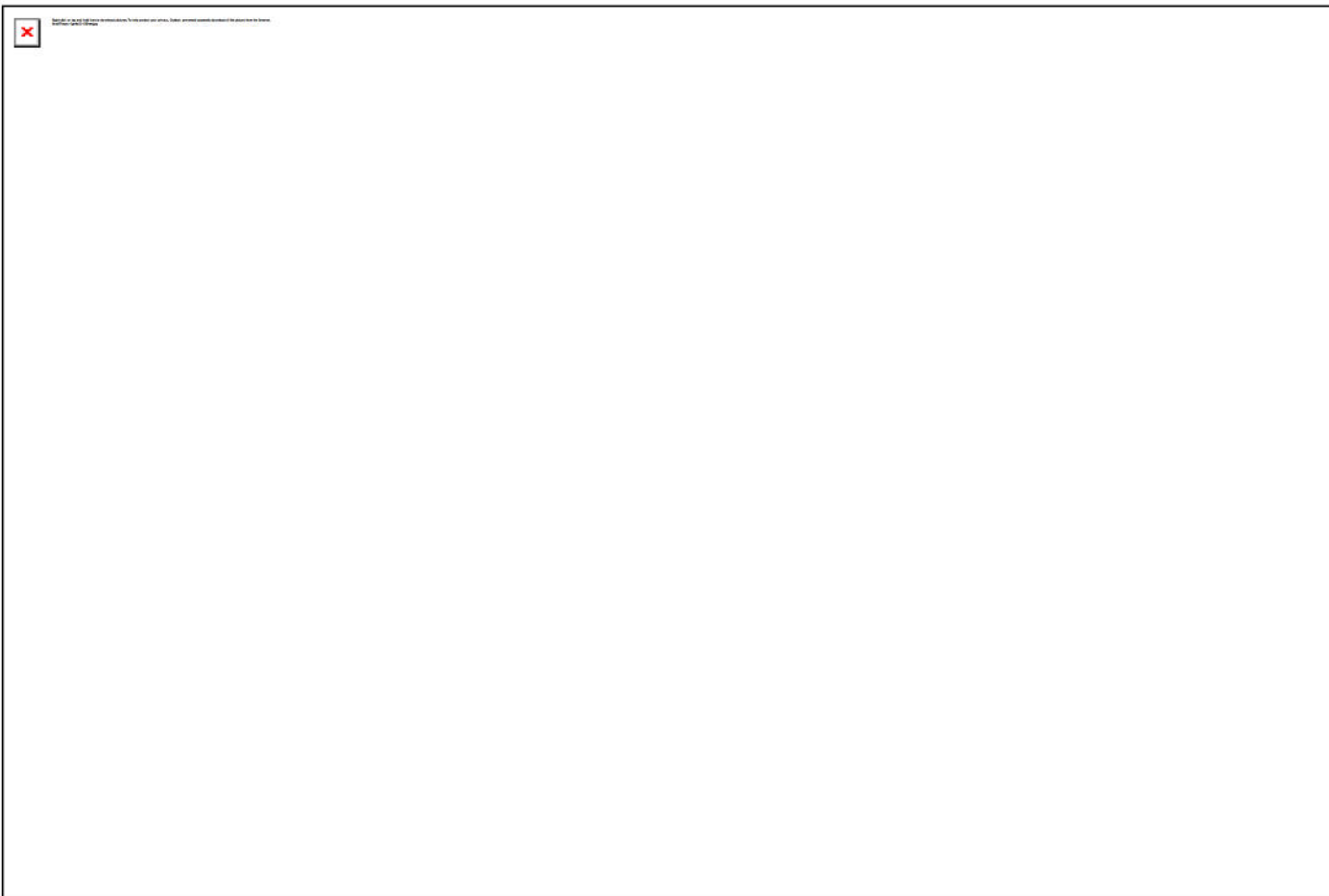
much more. So please say YES to supportive housing, so that we can go back to having a safer city for everyone that lives here.



Addressing my third focus: We need to prepare for the future. Our union towns are proud, strong, and united. The Port of Los Angeles is the source of one in nine jobs in our region. Without labor, we would not have a Port or a community.

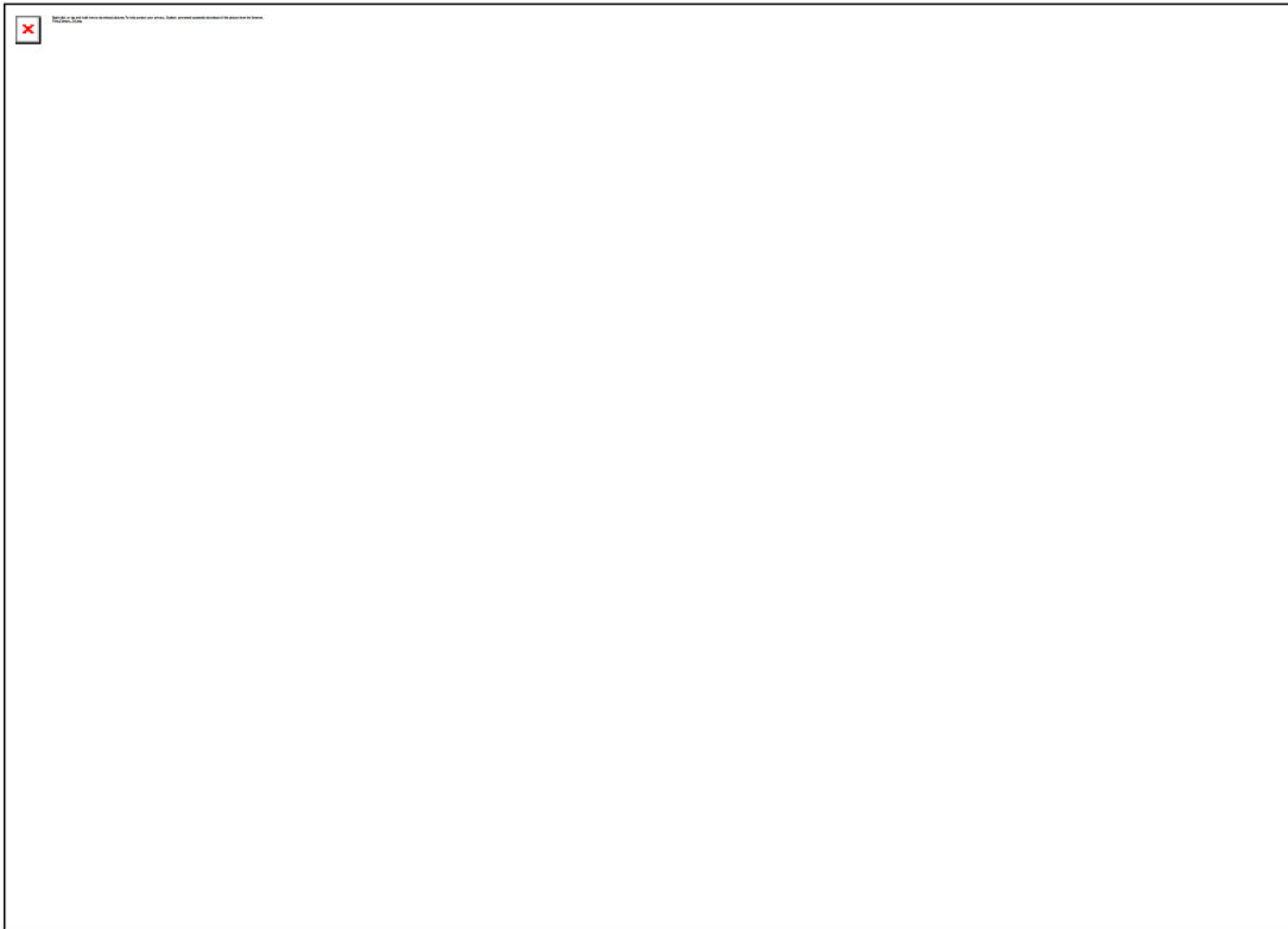
So as the talk about automation starts to present some new realities, and threatens our hard-working men and women, we must remind ourselves that we are nothing without each other. We must not allow the life-blood of our communities - our workforce - to be so easily replaced. We also must seize this moment to ensure that good paying union jobs are preserved and we must put a plan in place to make sure that the next generation is well-equipped for the work of the future and that no one is left behind. And I pledge to work with the Mayor, the port, labor, and business to start looking at how we put that plan in place. We must control our own destiny.

Because the technology sector will be so important to the future of the Harbor Area, the City needs a private sector ambassador to help raise awareness about all we have to offer. This is why I am very proud to announce today the appointment of Ann Lee Carpenter as my first Chief Innovation Officer. As we prepare for the next generation workforce, we also need to think about how to create livable communities for our future workforce.



As someone who started his career in this city as a Recreation Assistant for the Department of Recreation and Parks, I personally know the enormous value park programming and infrastructure can have on a child's life. Since I took office, we've improved and modernized nearly a dozen parks, community gardens, and pools in the district! By next year we will have built four new skateparks in the CD15.

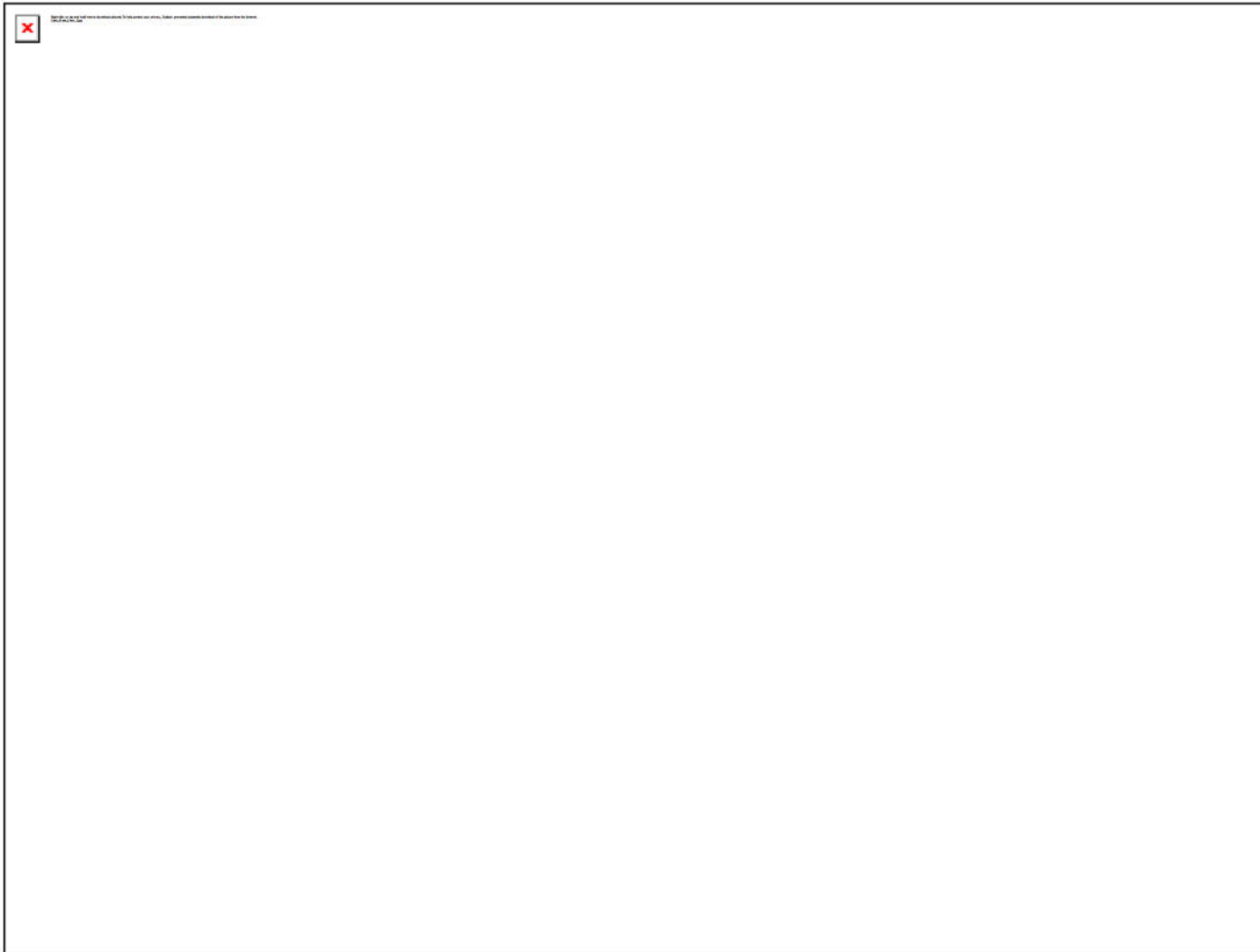
But I still feel we have not done enough. There are still many neighborhoods in the northern part of the district that don't have a park within walking distance. We also have the smallest tree canopy in the City. And because of drought conditions and pest threats, we may lose up to one-third of our trees in Los Angeles. For all of these reasons, I have started the process to place a measure on next year's ballot to fund improvements to our recreation centers, parks, and tree canopy.



At the beginning of my remarks, I said the truth is that there is still so much work to do to ensure a better quality of life for everyone. We must build a wide network of support in each community. The bottom line is that the secret to our success is to work together and support each other.

This secret to our success was proven by a group of amazing teens in Harbor City who call themselves the Cash Crew. These teens worked passionately and diligently with my office to create the design and identify funding for a new skatepark in their community. They had a goal, and they executed it perfectly while

learning some great lessons that will be with them for the rest of their lives. Their new \$600,000 skatepark is opening this summer!



We can create anything if we work together! We will prepare for the future of housing, the future of work and the future of public spaces together! And together we will make a city where everyone thrives!" [WATCH...](#)

Read about the State of the District in the *Daily Breeze* [here](#).

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: SHAREFEST IS TOMORROW!



By Donna Littlejohn, *Daily Breeze*

More than 2,500 volunteers bearing paint brushes, gardening tools and an overabundance of goodwill plan to fan out across the South Bay, Harbor Area and Long Beach Saturday, May 4.

Their mission? To make parks, schools and other gathering spots shine.

Welcome to Sharefest, an organization that has sponsored the annual community work days for 16 years, all aimed at improving some of Los Angeles' most neglected neighborhoods.

This [year's list covers more than 35 locations](#), including restoration projects at John Muir Middle School in Long Beach, the Boys & Girls Club in Gardena, and the Redondo Beach K9 facility.

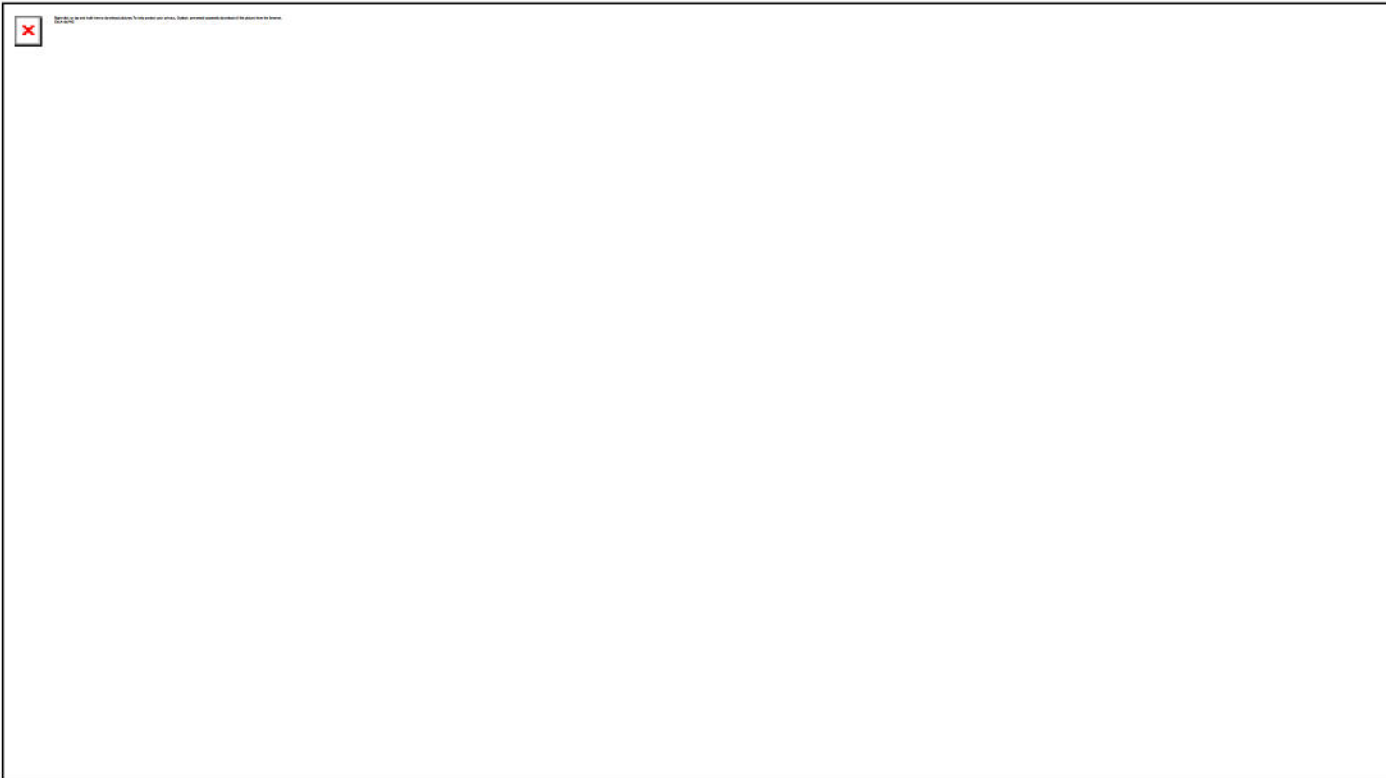
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Volunteers can still sign up online at sharefestinc.org; some projects are filled but others are still looking for volunteers.

The program has turned into “a multiplier of good deeds,” said Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino whose 15th Council District includes five communities where Sharefest projects are located.

“I’m always blown away by the support of our amazing sponsors and volunteers,” said Chad Mayer, executive director of Sharefest. “The projects completed on May 4 will bring hope, create tangible change and further cement our relationships with civic and school leaders.” [READ MORE...](#)

[WATCH:](#) CICLAVIA WILMINGTON



[By Donna Littlejohn, *Daily Breeze*](#)

The throngs pedaled, skated and strolled through Wilmington on Sunday, April 28, as CicLAvia came to the Port of Los Angeles to spread a message of community and low-tech transportation.

The 2.25-mile route spanned Avalon Boulevard between hubs of the Wilmington Waterfront Park and Banning Park.

Inspired by the ciclovía events that started 40 years ago in Bogotá, Colombia, the first CicLAvia was held on October 10, 2010.

Nine years and 29 CicLAvias later, more than 1.6 million people have explored nearly 200 miles of open streets in Los Angeles County.

The events have been held in Arleta, Boyle Heights, Chinatown, Culver City, East LA, Echo Park, Koreatown, Historic Downtown LA, Little Tokyo, MacArthur Park, Mar Vista, Pacoima, Panorama City, Pasadena, the San Fernando Valley, Southeast cities, South LA, Venice, Harbor Area (San Pedro and Wilmington) and Wilshire Boulevard.

Sunday's visit to Wilmington took locals and visitors alike through some of L.A.'s origins where Phineas Banning, known as "The Father of the Port of Los Angeles," built a transportation hub near the water where he operated a freighting business and a stagecoach line in the 1800s. [READ MORE...](#)

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1. Councilmember Buscaino spoke about the \$50,000 match for Grand Vision Foundation's "Love the Lobby" campaign and the \$5 million for the Warner Grand Theatre infrastructure improvements that have just begun.
2. Councilmember Buscaino spoke about good sportsmanship at the Peck Park Opening Night ceremonies for baseball and softball.
3. Councilmember Buscaino's Watts Field Deputy John Jones joined community members at the LAPD Southeast Donuts with Detectives.
4. Harbor City Cash Skate Crew began prepping a wall at the Harbor City Recreation Center for a mural project that will be completed this weekend as a part of the Sharefest Workday.
5. Community members got a sneak peek of the renderings for the redesign of the Self Help Federal Credit Union building on Avalon Blvd. The building will feature a community room on the second floor and is scheduled to be completed by late 2020.
6. Community members attended the Watts Rising Leadership Council's first Transformative Climate Communities meeting.
7. Councilmember Buscaino's staff attended the inaugural convening of the One San Pedro Alliance which is leading the redevelopment of Rancho San Pedro.
8. The Harbor City Skatepark construction continued this week. The park is expected to be open by summer.
9. Due to heavy rains this year, there is more overgrown vegetation across the city. Community members are responsible for overgrown vegetation on their properties. Please help us prevent fires and remove overgrown vegetation before the start of summer. If you are a senior who needs help clearing your lot, please call (866) 557-7368.
10. Thank you to the LA Conservation Corps who cleaned the west side of Success Ave and 92nd St. in Watts!

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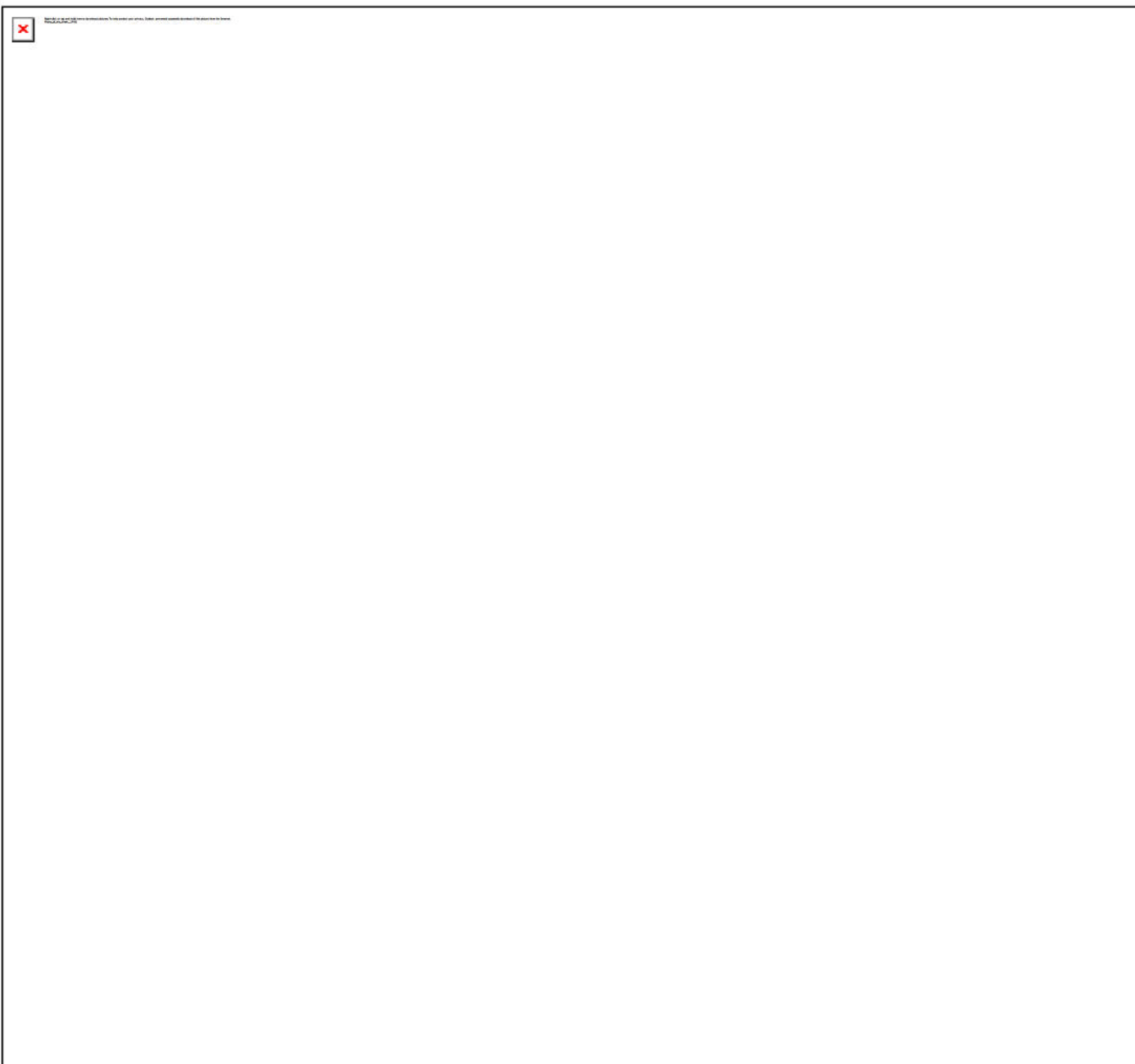
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Councilmember Buscaino practices his State of the District address with the family dog, Apollo.

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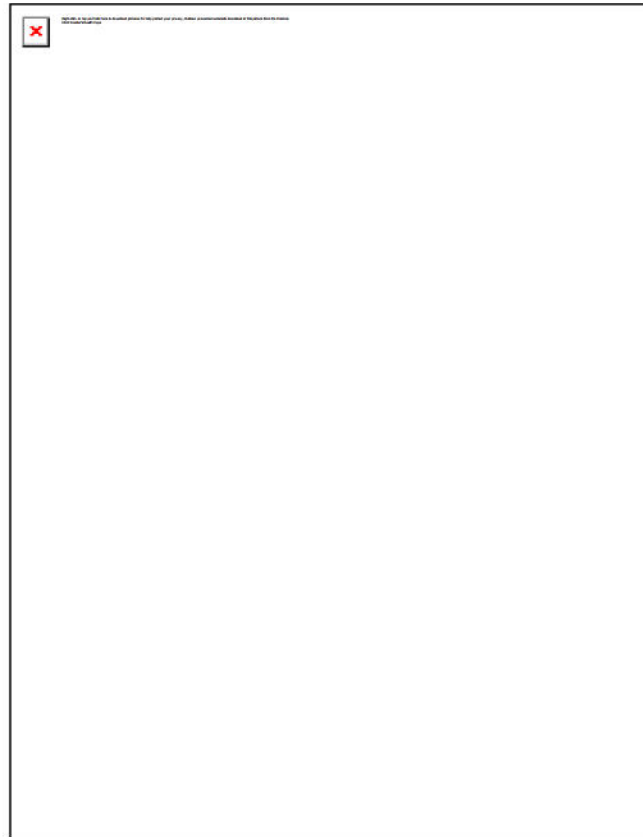
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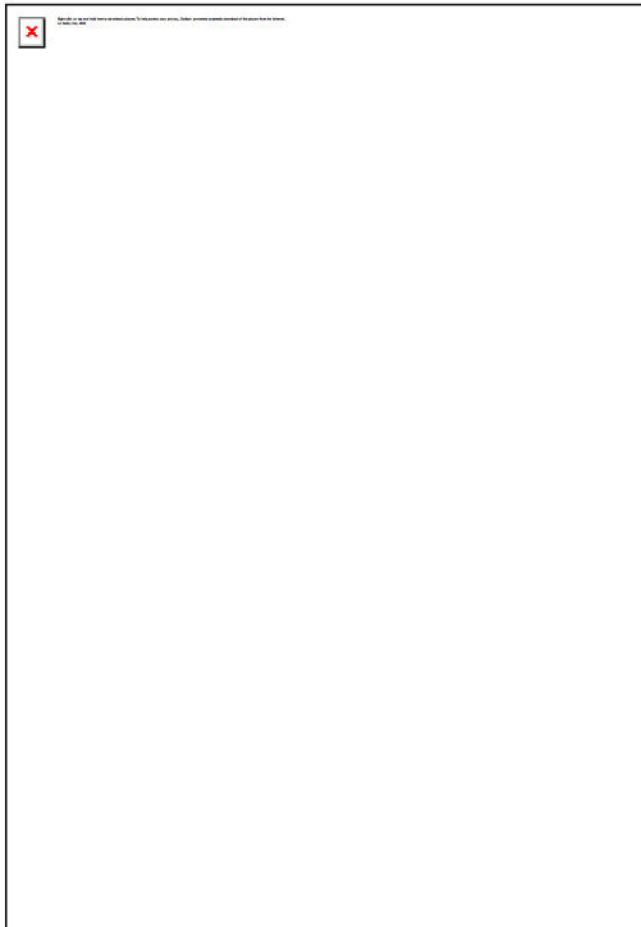
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KJLH Women's Health Expo

Treat yourself to the gift of health! The KJLH Women's Health Expo features panels of medical specialists, prizes, vendors, free massages, free health screenings, breakout sessions, a healthy cooking stage, food samples, exercise classes and gift bags! Visit our Holistic Wellness Village with Dominique DiPrima, Exercise Zone, Natural hair discussions and demos and much more. A live broadcast kicks your ...

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LA Derby Day 2019

Project Alpha of LA presents LA Derby Day 2019! Over 750 attendees dressed in fine spring fashions, pastel colored suits, seersucker blazers, boaters and high-class millinery will gather in Pasadena, CA for one of the largest Kentucky Derby celebrations in the country. Come and enjoy: - A catered soul food buffet, courtesy of LA's own Dulan's Restaurant - Live band ...

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The Business of Wine presented by The Black MBA of LA

The Los Angeles Chapter of the National Black MBA presents: The Business of Wine. Experience an afternoon of wine education as we discuss the art of winemaking with African American wine growers, winemakers, and sommeliers. Network with like-minded people, learn and unwind with fellow wine oenophiles, aficionados, connoisseurs and newbies alike. Participate in panel discussions, wine tastings, and nosh on hor d'oeuvres ...

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Performance: Portrait of Charles White

Obie Award-winning collaborators Roger Guenveur Smith and Marc Anthony Thompson will present "Portrait of Charles White," inspired by Charles White: A Retrospective. Smith and Thompson navigate White's career as an artist,

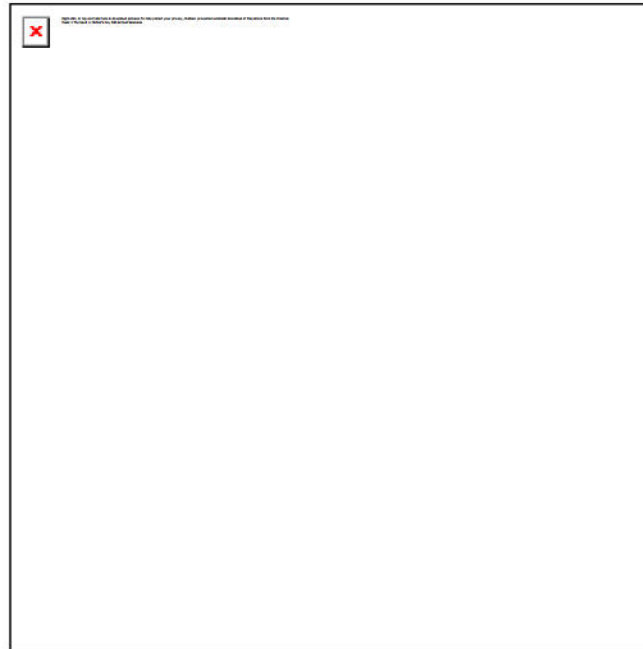
educator, and political activist, as well as his compelling personal profile, to devise an intimate meditation on a man of immense complexity and enduring influence. Smith and Thompson's "Portrait ...

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Music 4 The Soul: A Mother's Day Old-School Serenade

Music 4 The Soul: A Mother's Day Old-School Serenade Show Mom how much you love her this Mother's Day by bringing her to this Old-School Soul Serenade. You — and Mom — will be treated to live performances by 1970s legends of soul Switch ("I Call Your Name"), Bloodstone ("Natural High"), the Temprees ("I'm for You, You for Me"), the Delfonics ...

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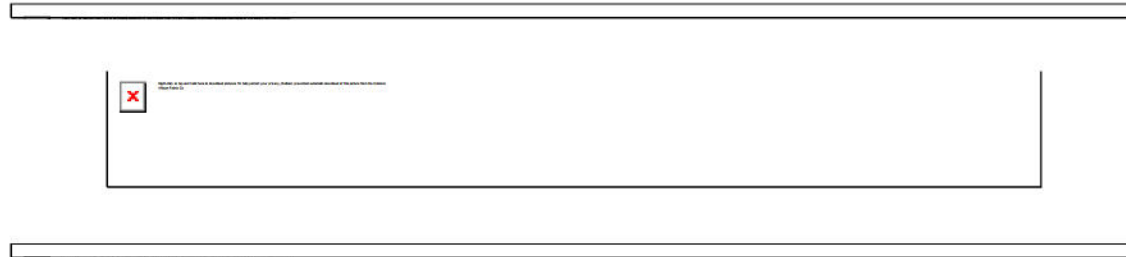
Heart of Hyde Park Mural Opening

Join us for the opening of the Heart of Hyde Park Mural. Spend your Saturday afternoon celebrating Hyde Park residents, art, music, and food

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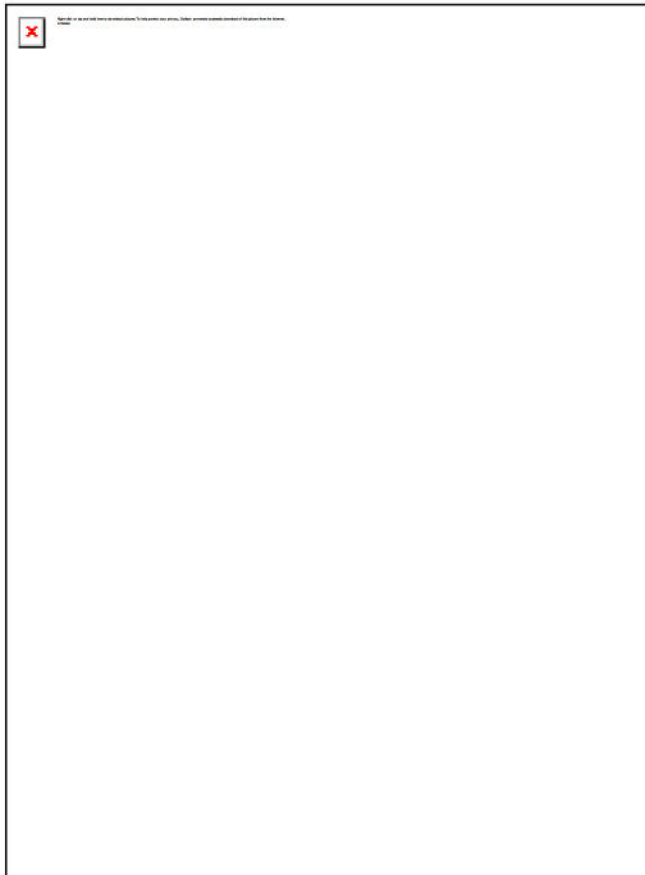
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[San Pedro Music Festival](#)

Windy City Entertainment presents the inaugural San Pedro Music Festival at the historic Warner Grand Theatre, Sunday, May 12, 2019.

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Al Green

The GRAMMY® Award winning and Kennedy Center Honors recipient Al Green returns to the stage to perform some of his most iconic hits and fan favorites at his first concerts in more than seven years. Green's powerful and passionate performances of timeless classics such as "Let's Stay Together," Sha-La-La (Make Me Happy) "I Can't Get Next To You," Tired Of ...

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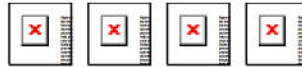
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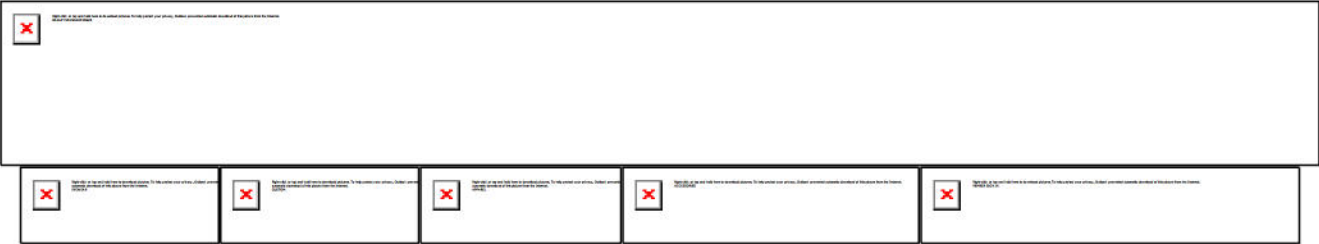
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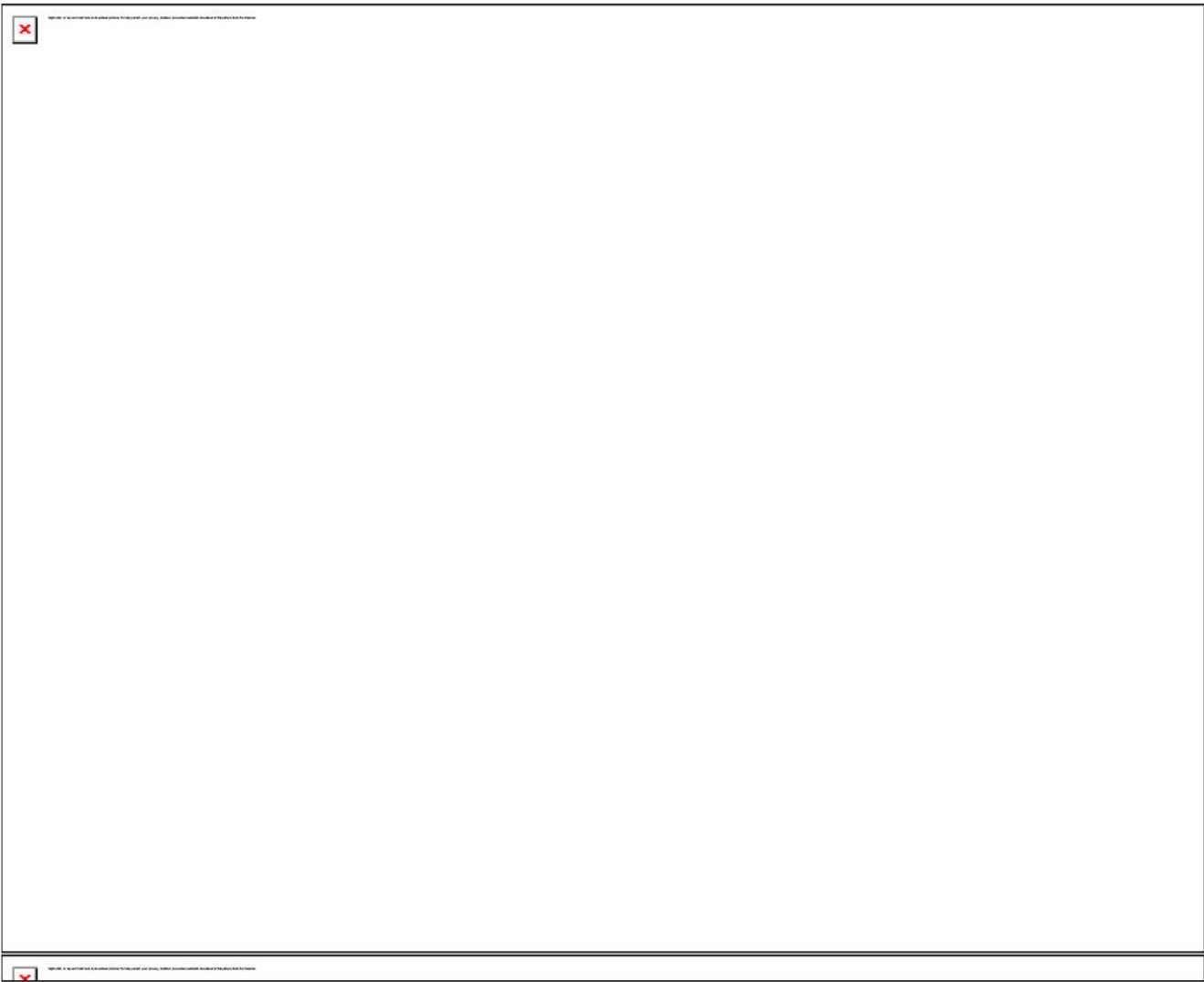
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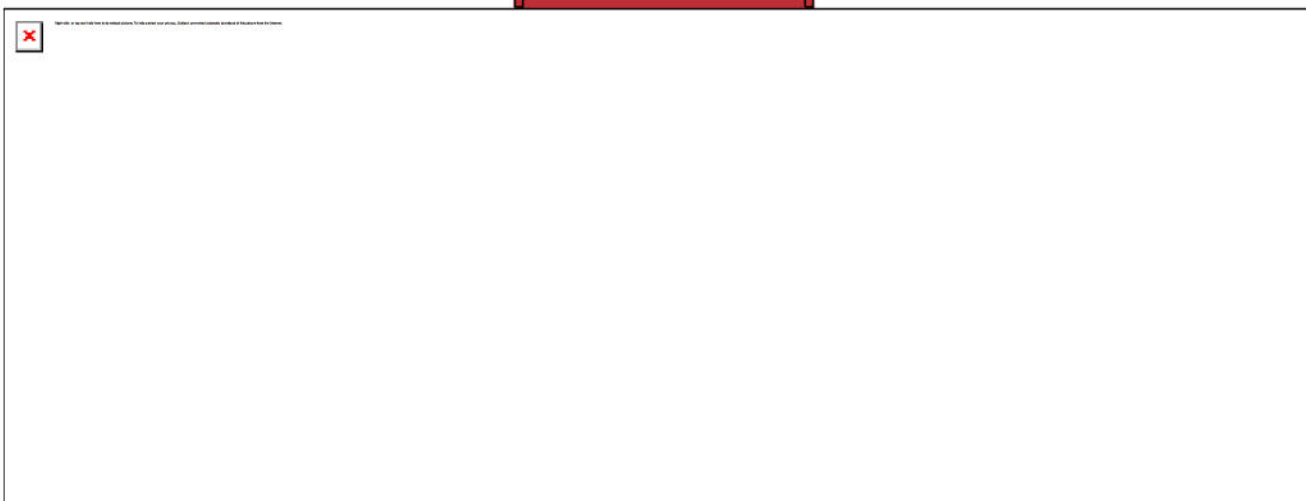
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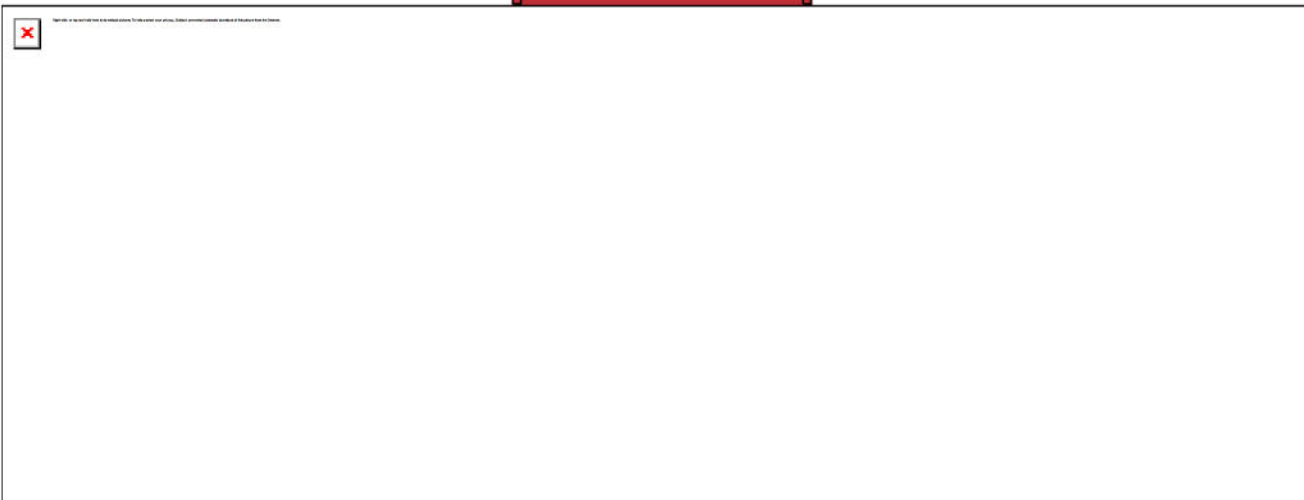


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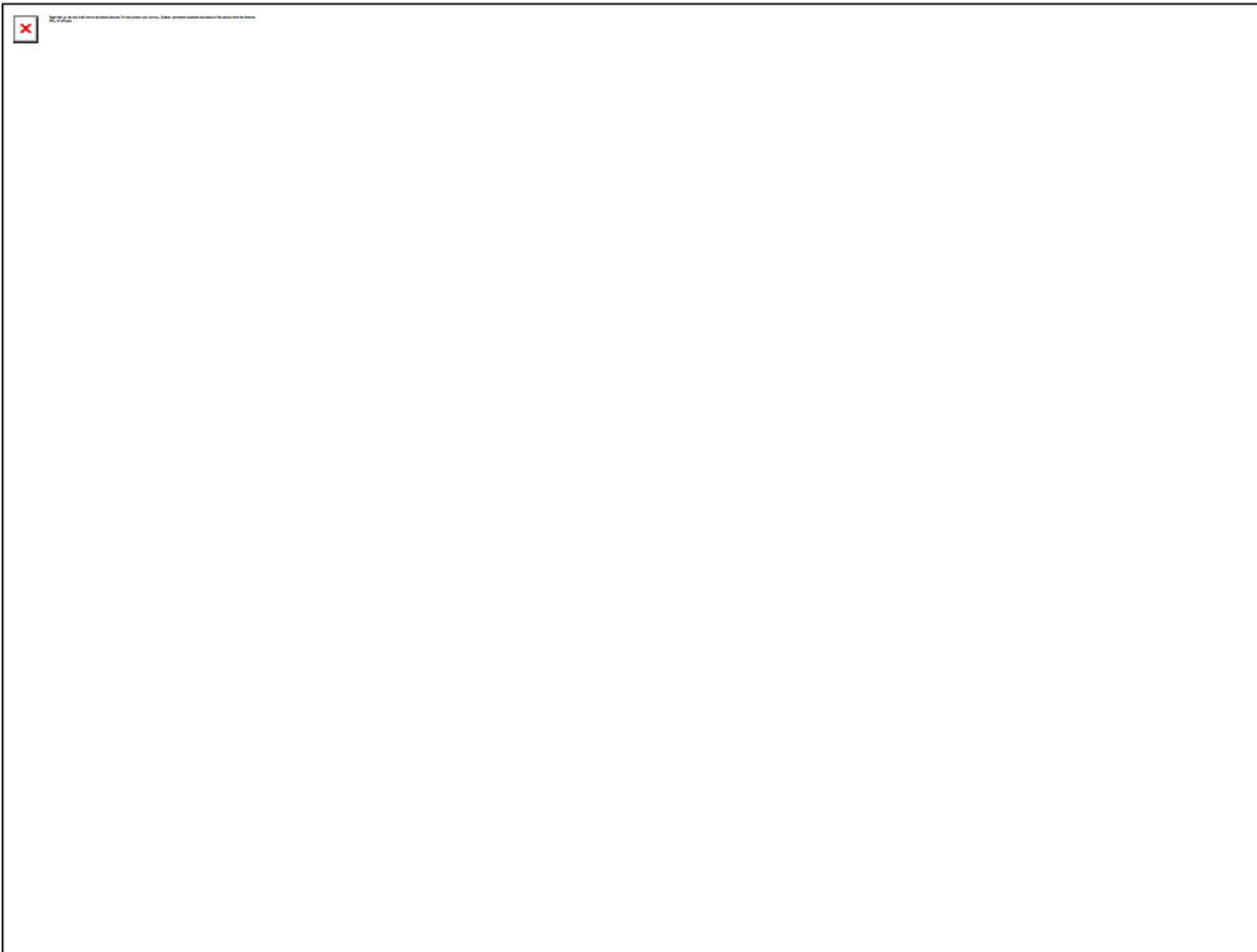


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Gary --

A BRIDGE HOME UPDATE: WATTS' SITE FUNDING APPROVED



This week the CAO's funding report for the Watts' Bridge Home site and its recommendations were approved by the LA City Council. This means that the project will be moving forward. Next steps include selecting a site operator, the private security operator, working with the community to determine final design elements and more. There are nearly 25 Bridge Home projects throughout the City in different stages of the City Council process including two others in Council District 15.

PLANNING4LA: NEW CITY PLANNING PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES



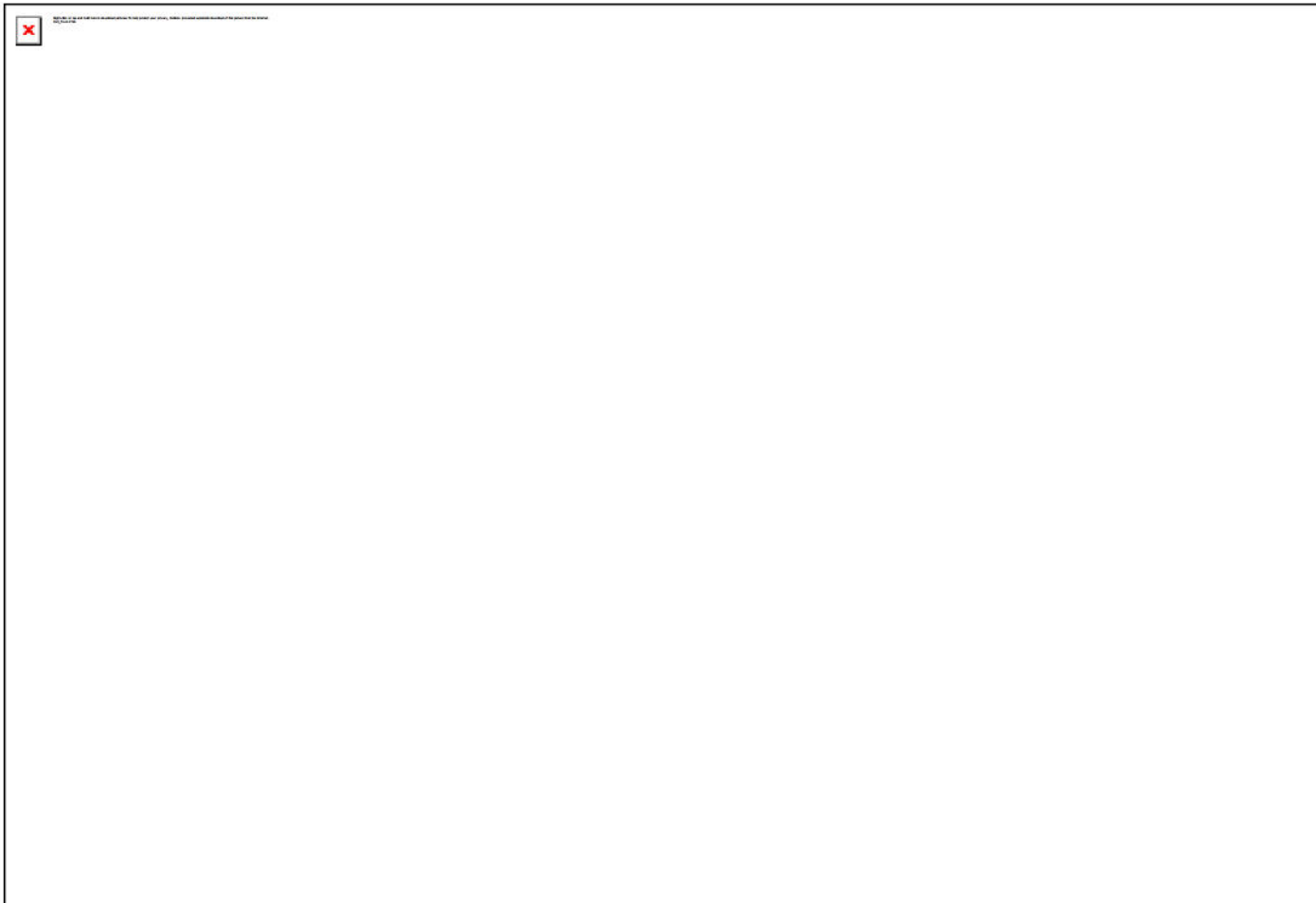
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- Outline the existing authorities of the decision makers who can act on specified requests;

- Standardize the procedures for the different types of project review;
- Establish a standard organization and visual format of procedures with flowcharts; and
- Relocate all of the processes throughout the current Zoning Code into one central location.

Read the expanded FAQ [here](#).

READ: PORT TRUCK DRIVERS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR WORKERS RIGHTS



[By Paul Rosenberg, *Random Lengths*](#)

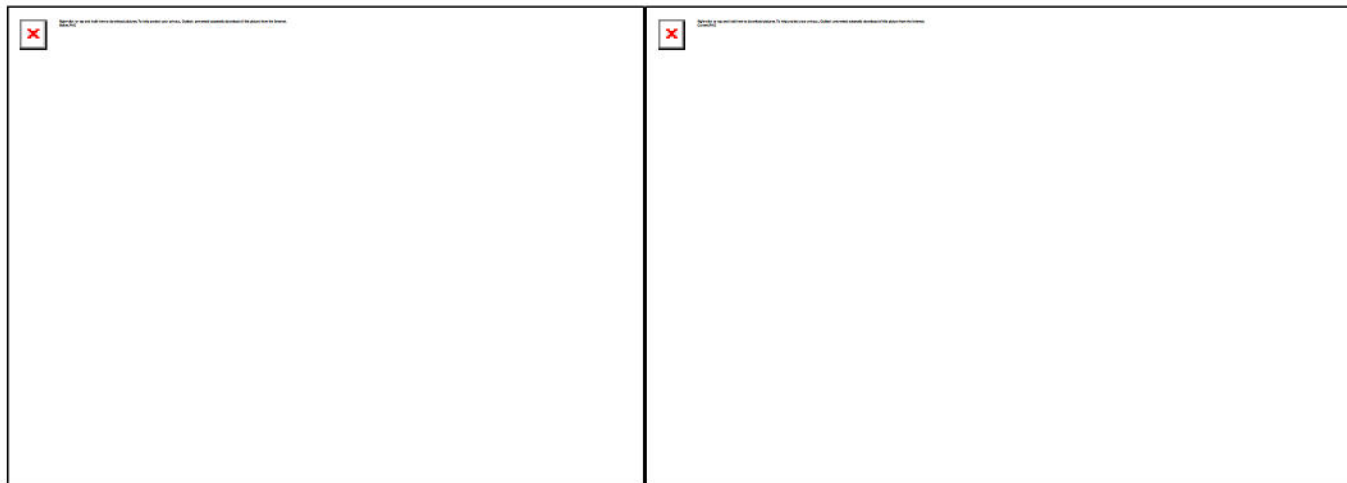
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On Nov. 15, the company struck back, sending a contingent of workers to the Harbor Commission meeting to harangue Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino and the Teamsters, neither of which had anything to do with the company's long history of lawless behavior, which the Harbor Commission has done nothing to curb.

On April 5, 2018, the LA Harbor Commission approved a one-year Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Operating Agreement with the company. On May 8, the City Council unanimously vetoed it. On Sept. 20, the Harbor Commission granted Cal Cartage a new lease, which the City Council unanimously vetoed on Oct. 12, after which the port issued a 30-day notice to terminate possession.

Between the two actions, on Sept. 13, the United States Department of Labor announced that Cal Cartage must pay \$3,573,074 to more than 1,416 employees for violating federal contract provisions of the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act by failing to pay prevailing wages, as well as health and welfare benefits. [READ MORE...](#)

CALTRANS' HARBOR BEACON PARK AND RIDE SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT



The slope at the Harbor Beacon Park and Ride lot was damaged by heavy winter storms. A project was initiated in 2015 to repair the slope with a stabilization technique called soil nail anchoring. During construction, the soil engineer discovered that the fill of the slope was composed of material which was not suitable for the technique that was chosen to stabilize the slope. Therefore, a new project was created to address the site condition. A soldier pile wall was recommended by soil engineers for the stability of the slope. This work is being performed to protect and stabilize the slope and prevent undermining and damage to homes on top of the slope. Once this work is completed, future permanent erosion control measures will be placed and maintained, including irrigation and planting throughout the slope.

Schedule

Construction began summer 2018 and has an anticipated completion date of spring 2020. The project is 50 percent completed as of November 2018.

This project is being completed by CalTrans and is federally funded.

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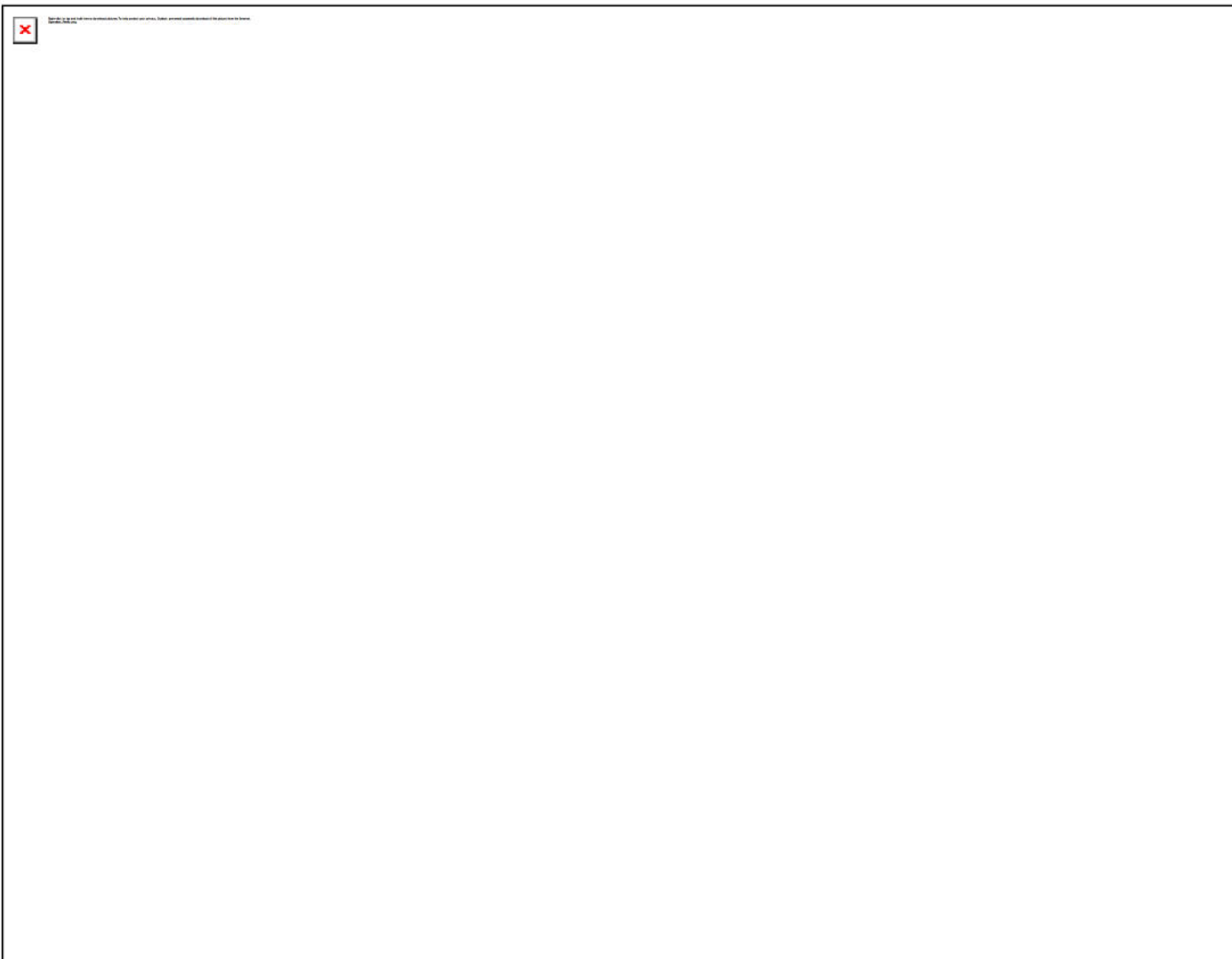


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1. The Country mourned and honored the life and legacy of President George H.W. Bush.
 2. Councilmember Buscaino honored Dr. Sinisa Grgic, the Croatian Consul-General for Los Angeles who has been appointed as Croatian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden.
 3. Councilmember Buscaino joined Former Governor Gray Davis today at SCAG'S 9th Annual Southern California Economic Summit.
 4. ABC7's Spark of Love Toy Drive was in Harbor Gateway South at 190th and Normandie.
 5. Santa's Sleigh stopped by the White Point neighborhood in San Pedro.
 6. A new electric vehicle charging station was installed on the corner of Avalon Blvd. & Denni St.
 7. Community members attended the [People St.](#) meeting at Peck Park to discuss LA Metro grants for parklets, plazas, and decorative crosswalks.
 8. LA City Planning held a CEQA update open house at Kaiser South Bay in Harbor City. LA Planning is updating its CEQA guidelines to be aligned with State regulations.
 9. Councilmember Buscaino joined Sharefest at their annual Gala to honor Tommy Lasorda.
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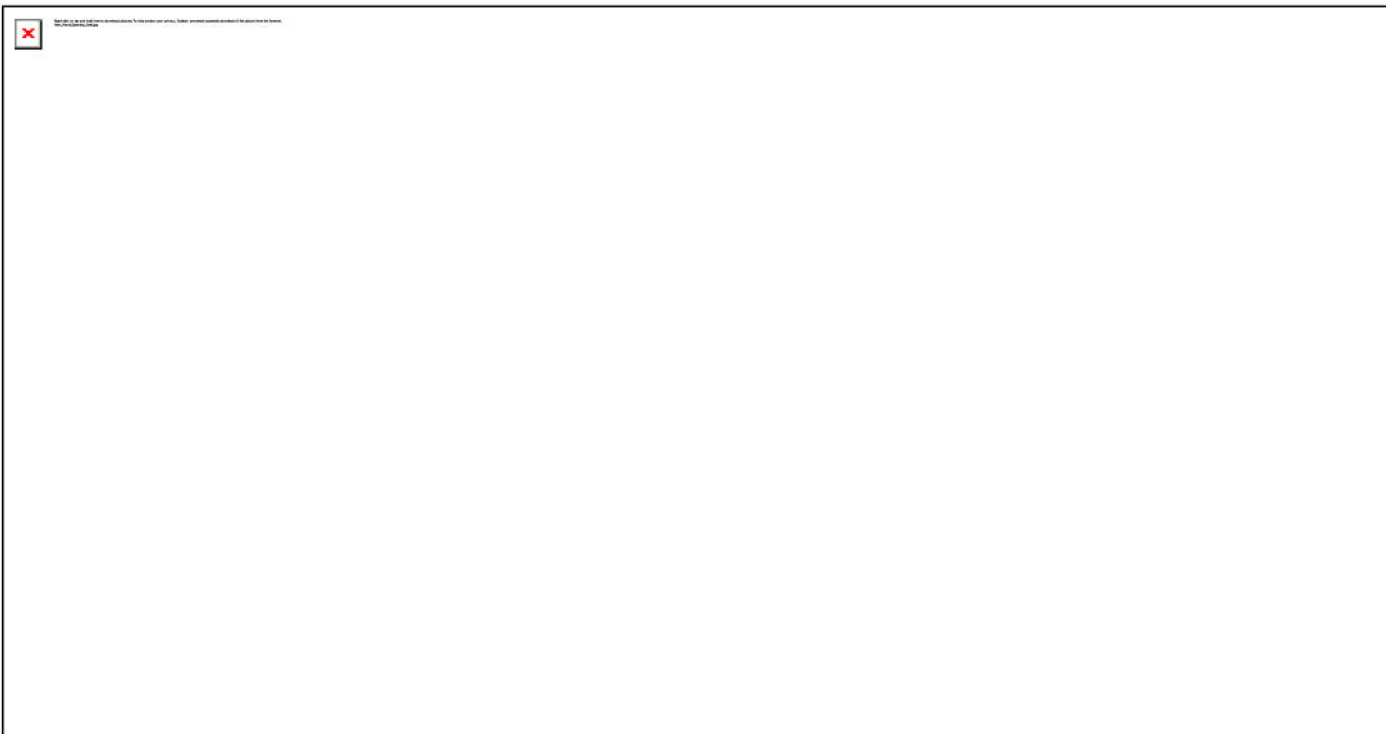


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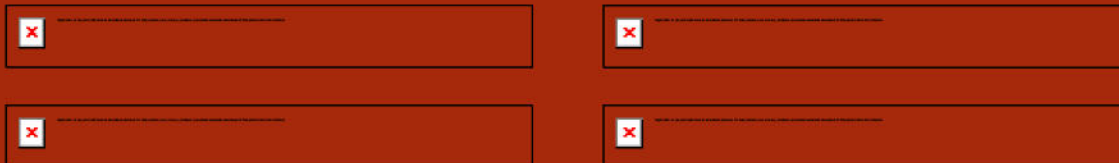
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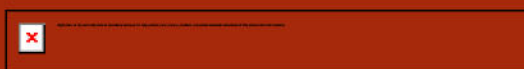
for Co+opportunity has developed this cooperative into a rich community staple.

Having gone from four founders to over 14,000 members and growing, the co-op's future potential is truly unlimited!

In 2017 Co+Opportunity expanded to it's second location at 8770 Washington Blvd . in Culver City

Co+opportunity Market & Deli continues to be a great place to buy fresh, local, organic and delicious food. A community-owned, socially-minded and values-based cooperative, owners and shoppers trust the co-op to meet their needs for healthy, convenient, fairly-priced and exceptional products. For more information, visit Co+opportunity's website at www.coopportunity.com.

Board Member Profile:



Les Koll

Board member at large

I am very happy and excited to have been recently elected a board member. After being professionally and personally committed to wellness and fitness for many years the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to SoLA's initiatives as a volunteer is a new challenge which I welcome. It represents a shift from my past when I developed campaigns to convince people to buy a specific weight loss program or supplement/vitamin package to insure better health, or special diet plans for diabetics or bariatric surgical patients. Today

I want to use this same expertise to address one of the key causes of these conditions, lack of access to healthy eating options.

I joined the board at a time when SoLA is poised to move to the next level of growth and permeance in the community. Building on the many successes to date is a terrific starting point. Next, we need to establish SoLA as a viable physical resource for healthy eating within the community. To achieve this larger objective, I pledge to help in the ongoing recruitment and engagement of new owners as well as facilitating relationships with community institutions and businesses.

With your help and support we will make SoLA the #1 community recognized “go to destination” for healthy food options and information in South Los Angeles.



"Food For Change" Inspires Food For Thought

SoLA Hosts Screening of Co-Op History Documentary

By Lillian Jackson

An turnout of enthusiastic guests attended SoLA's Saturday, October 27, screening of *Food for Change: The Story of Cooperation In America*, an enlightening documentary that traces the century-old history of co-operative development in the United States.

The event was part of National Co-Op Month celebrations, which included 55 screenings *Food for Change* in 27 states throughout October. SoLA hosted the screening at the Strategy and Soul center. Strategy and Soul is an organization dedicated to grassroots activism focused on the intersection of labor and community whose credo is “Fight for the Soul of the Cities.” Strategy and Soul is located in the heart of the Leimert Park-Baldwin Hills area on MLK Blvd. near Crenshaw Blvd. The space encompasses meeting rooms, a bookstore, and a library offering the 100 Most Important Books for Movement Building and Revolutionary Change.

After a few welcoming words from SoLA founder Bahni Turpin, who reminded the guests that SoLA currently is conducting its My Five new owner/member drive and encouraged participants to invest in their community’s future by becoming members, the 82-minute documentary was screened. Through rare archival footage, animation, graphics and interviews with co-op leaders, the film explored the challenges and triumphs the cooperative movement has experienced over the decades. The audience was attentive and deeply affected by the documentary. Attendees

eagerly engaged in the post-screening Q&A session led by SoLA board member Mikaela Randolph, who solicited their reactions to the film and suggestions on how SoLA can apply to its own agenda the lessons learned over the course of the co-operative movement.

The multigenerational crowd included a sizable contingent of guests under the age of 18 whose vocal support was an affirming sign that a new generation is embracing the cause of ensuring good food for a healthy future.

In keeping with SoLA's mission to bring healthy nutritious food to the area, refreshments featured Azzizah's Herbal Green Popcorn (www.back2kemet.org), a delicious vegan treat the guests clearly enjoyed.

Be sure to sign up to receive SoLA's newsletter to ensure that you know about all upcoming events!

CO-OP FILM'S MESSAGE HITS CLOSE TO HOME

By Lillian Jackson

I was born and raised in Detroit, a once mighty city that by the time I moved away in the early 1990s was served only by a single chain of grocery stores. I have learned since that that chain closed shop some years ago, leaving the city without a major, convenient source of food. Imagine that. A city of 800,000 people, mostly of color, without a ready source of fresh, nutritious food.

While watching *Food for Change*, I was reminded that that was not always the case. When I was a child growing up in Detroit, it was a vibrant, enterprising metropolis with plenty of grocery options such as A&P, Kroger, Farmer Jacks, and other big providers of food. But after the 1967 riot, major grocery stores followed the steady stream of white flight and abandoned the city too. My family and everyone else were left to drive miles to the suburbs to find healthy food in ample variety or depend on bounty from the Midwest's tradition of home gardening, which produced a surplus of fresh fruits and vegetables to share, and its love of fishing and hunting.

When *Food for Change* depicted the story of a co-op that thrived in a black New York City neighborhood back in the 1960s, it was very meaningful for me. And after the screening, when Bahni Turpin commented that the food co-op movement had deep roots in the black community, which frequently had to develop its own sources of food starting in the Reconstruction era following the end of slavery in the United States, I was gratified to learn this history.

In the late 1980s, a small food co-op opened in Detroit near where I worked. I visited the co-op a couple of times, but I did not join it. I think that was because it felt foreign to me, lacking the wide aisles and bright lights of a bustling supermarket, but also because though it was situated adjacent to a large university located in the city's center, I did not see other people of color shopping there or involved in its operations.

Today I am a proud participating member of SoLA, and through its many informative and educational events such its presentation of the wonderful *Food for Change* film, I have learned much about the history of and struggles for food in America, stories I won't

forget and which inspire me to be part of the solution I want to see.



What to feed that VEGAN guest at your holiday dinner...

Check out these colorful and
scrumptious recipes

Wild Rice Pilaf With Butternut Squash, Cranberries, and Pecans

by Cathy Elton

Serves 8

Ingredients

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into small cubes
- 2 cups wild rice, rinsed
- 6 cups vegetable stock (or half water, half stock)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup warm water
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- ¾ cup toasted pecans, chopped
- 3 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley
- ¼ cup + 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Zest of 1 lemon
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom (optional but good!)

- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Toss the butternut squash with 1 tablespoon of olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread the squash on two baking sheets. Roast until tender and starting to brown, about 20 minutes (check earlier if your pieces are very small).
3. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a medium skillet. Sauté the onion and garlic for 3-4 minutes.
4. Place the dried cranberries in a bowl with the warm water and vinegar. Let sit for 10 minutes, then drain.
5. In a medium bowl, whisk together the remaining olive oil, lemon zest, cumin, cardamom, cinnamon, orange juice, lemon juice and fresh ginger.
6. Place the wild rice and stock in a medium saucepan. Heat to a boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 40 minutes, or until

some of the grains start to split. The rice should still be quite chewy. Drain thoroughly and place in a large bowl.

7. Add the onions and garlic, cranberries, parsley, pecans and dressing to the wild rice and stir. Gently mix in the roasted squash. Serve warm if possible, or at room temperature.



Dairy Free Mac n Cheese with Broccoli and Black Pepper

by [Virtual Vegan](#)

Ingredients

- 600 mls / 2 ½ cups water
- 1 medium potato , peeled and cubed
- 50g / ⅓ cup carrots , chopped
- 4 cloves garlic , chopped, or use 1 teaspoon garlic powder)
- 3 tablespoons onion , chopped, or use ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ small green chile (optional)
- 1 small tomato , chopped

- 30g / ¼ cup raw cashews , or macadamias (or 1/4 cup pepitas to make nut-free)
 - 225g / 2 ½ cups broccoli , chopped
 - ¾ teaspoon prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce , or tamari (or coconut aminos to make soy-free)
 - 4 tablespoons nutritional yeast
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil , omit to make oil-free
 - ¾ teaspoon salt , or more to taste
 - ½ teaspoon paprika
 - ½ teaspoon sriracha sauce (optional)
 - ¼ teaspoon white pepper
- 1 ½ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper , or to taste, divided
- 10 - 12 ounces cooked elbow pasta , gluten-free if necessary

Instructions

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In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, combine the water, potato, carrots, garlic, onion, chile (if using), tomato, and cashews. Cover the skillet and cook 18 to 20 minutes, or until the potato is very tender. Let the mixture cool slightly.

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Meanwhile, bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Add the broccoli and cook for 2 minutes. Drain the broccoli and set aside. Then cook the macaroni as per the instructions on the packaging. Usually it's for around 8 - 10 minutes. Alternatively, you can add the broccoli to the cooking pasta pot in the last two minutes.

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Combine the potato mixture (along with its liquid), mustard, soy sauce, nutritional yeast, lemon juice, oil, paprika, and sriracha (if using) in a blender. Blend for 1 minute, let the mixture rest for 1 minute, and blend again until smooth.

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Transfer the mixture to the saucepan over medium heat.

Add the salt, white pepper, and ½ teaspoon of the black pepper, stirring to combine. Add some additional water to adjust the consistency if the sauce is too thick.

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Bring the sauce almost to a boil. Taste and adjust the seasonings. Add the elbow pasta and broccoli. Stir to combine, cover the saucepan, and cook for 3 minutes. Let the mixture sit for 2 minutes. Add the remaining 1 teaspoon black pepper. Sprinkle some more pepper on each serving, if desired.



Warm Brussels Sprout Salad With Apples & Pomegranate

by Julie O'Boyle

Ingredients:

For the salad:

1 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp ghee (or coconut oil, or try Nutiva Butter Flavored Coconut Oil)

1 lb. fresh Brussels sprouts, halved & quartered

1 large apple, sliced

1 sprig fresh rosemary, chopped

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup walnut halves

1 pomegranate, seeded

For the dressing (optional):

Juice of 1/2 an orange

1 tsp apple cider vinegar

1 tbsp olive oil

In a large skillet or frying pan, heat the oil and ghee on medium heat. While the pan heats up, rinse and chop the Brussels sprouts and thinly slice the apple.

Add apples and Brussels sprouts to the hot pan and toss to lightly coat with oil/ghee, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until sprouts and apples are tender (about 10 minutes). When cooking is almost through, add the rosemary and toss to combine. Add the

cranberries and walnuts and mix. Top with pomegranate seeds just before serving.

To make the dressing, whisk together the orange juice, apple cider vinegar, and olive oil. Drizzle over the salad or serve along side of it.



Vegan Chocolate Pudding Recipe

by Sabrina Modelle

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Chilling time: 4 hours

Yields 4 to 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (15-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk
- 10 ounces dark chocolate (60-70%), finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract (optional)
- Optional garnishes: Whipped coconut cream, shaved chocolate, berries or other fresh fruit

1 Warm the coconut milk: Heat the coconut milk to a simmer over medium heat. Stir often to avoid scorching. Warm for a couple of minutes, until the liquid almost comes to a boil. Immediately remove from heat.

2 Add the chocolate: Add a third of the chopped chocolate to the hot coconut milk. Stir gently until the chocolate has completely melted and the mixture is smooth. Repeat with the remaining chocolate in two separate additions. Stir in the vanilla extract.

3 Pour the pudding into jars, glasses, or ramekins. Cover with cling film and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

4 To serve: Remove from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving. Top with garnishes of your choice or just serve with a spoon.



Give the Gift of SoLA

This Holiday season consider bringing your family and friends into the SoLA Family with the gift of SoLA member/ownership. Giving the gift of SoLA is a gift for yourself and the whole South LA community.

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SoLA Wish List

There are a few things we could use and some items we frequently buy that you could help us out with.

One is office space, do you know of a cheap or free secure space SoLA could use as an office?

Another is meeting space, do you know of an inviting free space where we could hold meetings and invite guests?

Let us know via email to [REDACTED]

We've created a gift registry for some of the items we use on a regular basis:

<https://www.myregistry.com/wishlist/Sola-Food-Co-Op-Los>



Things to look forward to:

Farmers Market Days: Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

Board Meeting, SoLA Owners welcome to attend:

December 1st, 11am-1pm at The Metaphor Club 4333 Crenshaw Blvd.

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Till next time , wishing you

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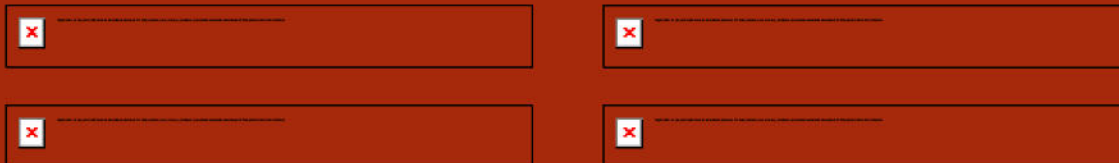
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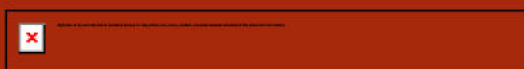
for Co+opportunity has developed this cooperative into a rich community staple.

Having gone from four founders to over 14,000 members and growing, the co-op's future potential is truly unlimited!

In 2017 Co+Opportunity expanded to it's second location at 8770 Washington Blvd . in Culver City

Co+opportunity Market & Deli continues to be a great place to buy fresh, local, organic and delicious food. A community-owned, socially-minded and values-based cooperative, owners and shoppers trust the co-op to meet their needs for healthy, convenient, fairly-priced and exceptional products. For more information, visit Co+opportunity's website at www.coopportunity.com.

Board Member Profile:



Les Koll

Board member at large

I am very happy and excited to have been recently elected a board member. After being professionally and personally committed to wellness and fitness for many years the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to SoLA's initiatives as a volunteer is a new challenge which I welcome. It represents a shift from my past when I developed campaigns to convince people to buy a specific weight loss program or supplement/vitamin package to insure better health, or special diet plans for diabetics or bariatric surgical patients. Today

I want to use this same expertise to address one of the key causes of these conditions, lack of access to healthy eating options.

I joined the board at a time when SoLA is poised to move to the next level of growth and permeance in the community. Building on the many successes to date is a terrific starting point. Next, we need to establish SoLA as a viable physical resource for healthy eating within the community. To achieve this larger objective, I pledge to help in the ongoing recruitment and engagement of new owners as well as facilitating relationships with community institutions and businesses.

With your help and support we will make SoLA the #1 community recognized “go to destination” for healthy food options and information in South Los Angeles.



"Food For Change" Inspires Food For Thought

SoLA Hosts Screening of Co-Op History Documentary

By Lillian Jackson

An turnout of enthusiastic guests attended SoLA's Saturday, October 27, screening of *Food for Change: The Story of Cooperation In America*, an enlightening documentary that traces the century-old history of co-operative development in the United States.

The event was part of National Co-Op Month celebrations, which included 55 screenings *Food for Change* in 27 states throughout October. SoLA hosted the screening at the Strategy and Soul center. Strategy and Soul is an organization dedicated to grassroots activism focused on the intersection of labor and community whose credo is “Fight for the Soul of the Cities.” Strategy and Soul is located in the heart of the Leimert Park-Baldwin Hills area on MLK Blvd. near Crenshaw Blvd. The space encompasses meeting rooms, a bookstore, and a library offering the 100 Most Important Books for Movement Building and Revolutionary Change.

After a few welcoming words from SoLA founder Bahni Turpin, who reminded the guests that SoLA currently is conducting its My Five new owner/member drive and encouraged participants to invest in their community’s future by becoming members, the 82-minute documentary was screened. Through rare archival footage, animation, graphics and interviews with co-op leaders, the film explored the challenges and triumphs the cooperative movement has experienced over the decades. The audience was attentive and deeply affected by the documentary. Attendees

eagerly engaged in the post-screening Q&A session led by SoLA board member Mikaela Randolph, who solicited their reactions to the film and suggestions on how SoLA can apply to its own agenda the lessons learned over the course of the co-operative movement.

The multigenerational crowd included a sizable contingent of guests under the age of 18 whose vocal support was an affirming sign that a new generation is embracing the cause of ensuring good food for a healthy future.

In keeping with SoLA's mission to bring healthy nutritious food to the area, refreshments featured Azzizah's Herbal Green Popcorn (www.back2kemet.org), a delicious vegan treat the guests clearly enjoyed.

Be sure to sign up to receive SoLA's newsletter to ensure that you know about all upcoming events!

CO-OP FILM'S MESSAGE HITS CLOSE TO HOME

By Lillian Jackson

I was born and raised in Detroit, a once mighty city that by the time I moved away in the early 1990s was served only by a single chain of grocery stores. I have learned since that that chain closed shop some years ago, leaving the city without a major, convenient source of food. Imagine that. A city of 800,000 people, mostly of color, without a ready source of fresh, nutritious food.

While watching *Food for Change*, I was reminded that that was not always the case. When I was a child growing up in Detroit, it was a vibrant, enterprising metropolis with plenty of grocery options such as A&P, Kroger, Farmer Jacks, and other big providers of food. But after the 1967 riot, major grocery stores followed the steady stream of white flight and abandoned the city too. My family and everyone else were left to drive miles to the suburbs to find healthy food in ample variety or depend on bounty from the Midwest's tradition of home gardening, which produced a surplus of fresh fruits and vegetables to share, and its love of fishing and hunting.

When *Food for Change* depicted the story of a co-op that thrived in a black New York City neighborhood back in the 1960s, it was very meaningful for me. And after the screening, when Bahni Turpin commented that the food co-op movement had deep roots in the black community, which frequently had to develop its own sources of food starting in the Reconstruction era following the end of slavery in the United States, I was gratified to learn this history.

In the late 1980s, a small food co-op opened in Detroit near where I worked. I visited the co-op a couple of times, but I did not join it. I think that was because it felt foreign to me, lacking the wide aisles and bright lights of a bustling supermarket, but also because though it was situated adjacent to a large university located in the city's center, I did not see other people of color shopping there or involved in its operations.

Today I am a proud participating member of SoLA, and through its many informative and educational events such its presentation of the wonderful *Food for Change* film, I have learned much about the history of and struggles for food in America, stories I won't

forget and which inspire me to be part of the solution I want to see.



What to feed that VEGAN guest at your holiday dinner...

Check out these colorful and
scrumptious recipes

Wild Rice Pilaf With Butternut Squash, Cranberries, and Pecans

by Cathy Elton

Serves 8

Ingredients

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into small cubes
- 2 cups wild rice, rinsed
- 6 cups vegetable stock (or half water, half stock)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup warm water
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- ¾ cup toasted pecans, chopped
- 3 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley
- ¼ cup + 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Zest of 1 lemon
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom (optional but good!)

- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Toss the butternut squash with 1 tablespoon of olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread the squash on two baking sheets. Roast until tender and starting to brown, about 20 minutes (check earlier if your pieces are very small).
3. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a medium skillet. Sauté the onion and garlic for 3-4 minutes.
4. Place the dried cranberries in a bowl with the warm water and vinegar. Let sit for 10 minutes, then drain.
5. In a medium bowl, whisk together the remaining olive oil, lemon zest, cumin, cardamom, cinnamon, orange juice, lemon juice and fresh ginger.
6. Place the wild rice and stock in a medium saucepan. Heat to a boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 40 minutes, or until

some of the grains start to split. The rice should still be quite chewy. Drain thoroughly and place in a large bowl.

7. Add the onions and garlic, cranberries, parsley, pecans and dressing to the wild rice and stir. Gently mix in the roasted squash. Serve warm if possible, or at room temperature.



Dairy Free Mac n Cheese with Broccoli and Black Pepper

by [Virtual Vegan](#)

Ingredients

- 600 mls / 2 ½ cups water
- 1 medium potato , peeled and cubed
- 50g / ⅓ cup carrots , chopped
- 4 cloves garlic , chopped, or use 1 teaspoon garlic powder)
- 3 tablespoons onion , chopped, or use ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ small green chile (optional)
- 1 small tomato , chopped

- 30g / ¼ cup raw cashews , or macadamias (or 1/4 cup pepitas to make nut-free)
 - 225g / 2 ½ cups broccoli , chopped
 - ¾ teaspoon prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce , or tamari (or coconut aminos to make soy-free)
 - 4 tablespoons nutritional yeast
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil , omit to make oil-free
 - ¾ teaspoon salt , or more to taste
 - ½ teaspoon paprika
 - ½ teaspoon sriracha sauce (optional)
 - ¼ teaspoon white pepper
- 1 ½ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper , or to taste, divided
- 10 - 12 ounces cooked elbow pasta , gluten-free if necessary

Instructions

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In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, combine the water, potato, carrots, garlic, onion, chile (if using), tomato, and cashews. Cover the skillet and cook 18 to 20 minutes, or until the potato is very tender. Let the mixture cool slightly.

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Meanwhile, bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Add the broccoli and cook for 2 minutes. Drain the broccoli and set aside. Then cook the macaroni as per the instructions on the packaging. Usually it's for around 8 - 10 minutes. Alternatively, you can add the broccoli to the cooking pasta pot in the last two minutes.

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Combine the potato mixture (along with its liquid), mustard, soy sauce, nutritional yeast, lemon juice, oil, paprika, and sriracha (if using) in a blender. Blend for 1 minute, let the mixture rest for 1 minute, and blend again until smooth.

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Transfer the mixture to the saucepan over medium heat.

Add the salt, white pepper, and ½ teaspoon of the black pepper, stirring to combine. Add some additional water to adjust the consistency if the sauce is too thick.

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Bring the sauce almost to a boil. Taste and adjust the seasonings. Add the elbow pasta and broccoli. Stir to combine, cover the saucepan, and cook for 3 minutes. Let the mixture sit for 2 minutes. Add the remaining 1 teaspoon black pepper. Sprinkle some more pepper on each serving, if desired.



Warm Brussels Sprout Salad With Apples & Pomegranate

by Julie O'Boyle

Ingredients:

For the salad:

1 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp ghee (or coconut oil, or try Nutiva Butter Flavored Coconut Oil)

1 lb. fresh Brussels sprouts, halved & quartered

1 large apple, sliced

1 sprig fresh rosemary, chopped

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup walnut halves

1 pomegranate, seeded

For the dressing (optional):

Juice of 1/2 an orange

1 tsp apple cider vinegar

1 tbsp olive oil

In a large skillet or frying pan, heat the oil and ghee on medium heat. While the pan heats up, rinse and chop the Brussels sprouts and thinly slice the apple.

Add apples and Brussels sprouts to the hot pan and toss to lightly coat with oil/ghee, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until sprouts and apples are tender (about 10 minutes). When cooking is almost through, add the rosemary and toss to combine. Add the

cranberries and walnuts and mix. Top with pomegranate seeds just before serving.

To make the dressing, whisk together the orange juice, apple cider vinegar, and olive oil. Drizzle over the salad or serve along side of it.



Vegan Chocolate Pudding Recipe

by [Sabrina Modelle](#)

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Chilling time: 4 hours

Yields 4 to 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (15-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk
- 10 ounces dark chocolate (60-70%), finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract (optional)
- Optional garnishes: Whipped coconut cream, shaved chocolate, berries or other fresh fruit

1 Warm the coconut milk: Heat the coconut milk to a simmer over medium heat. Stir often to avoid scorching. Warm for a couple of minutes, until the liquid almost comes to a boil. Immediately remove from heat.

2 Add the chocolate: Add a third of the chopped chocolate to the hot coconut milk. Stir gently until the chocolate has completely melted and the mixture is smooth. Repeat with the remaining chocolate in two separate additions. Stir in the vanilla extract.

3 Pour the pudding into jars, glasses, or ramekins. Cover with cling film and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

4 To serve: Remove from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving. Top with garnishes of your choice or just serve with a spoon.



Give the Gift of SoLA

This Holiday season consider bringing your family and friends into the SoLA Family with the gift of SoLA member/ownership. Giving the gift of SoLA is a gift for yourself and the whole South LA community.

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SoLA Wish List

There are a few things we could use and some items we frequently buy that you could help us out with.

One is **office space**, do you know of a cheap or free secure space SoLA could use as an office?

Another is **meeting space**, do you know of an inviting free space where we could hold meetings and invite guests?

Let us know via email to 

We've created a gift registry for some of the items we use on a regular basis:

<https://www.myregistry.com/wishlist/Sola-Food-Co-Op-Los>



Things to look forward to:

Farmers Market Days: Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

Board Meeting, SoLA Owners welcome to attend:

December 1st, 11am-1pm at The Metaphor Club 4333 Crenshaw Blvd.

Los Angeles CA 90008

Till next time , wishing you

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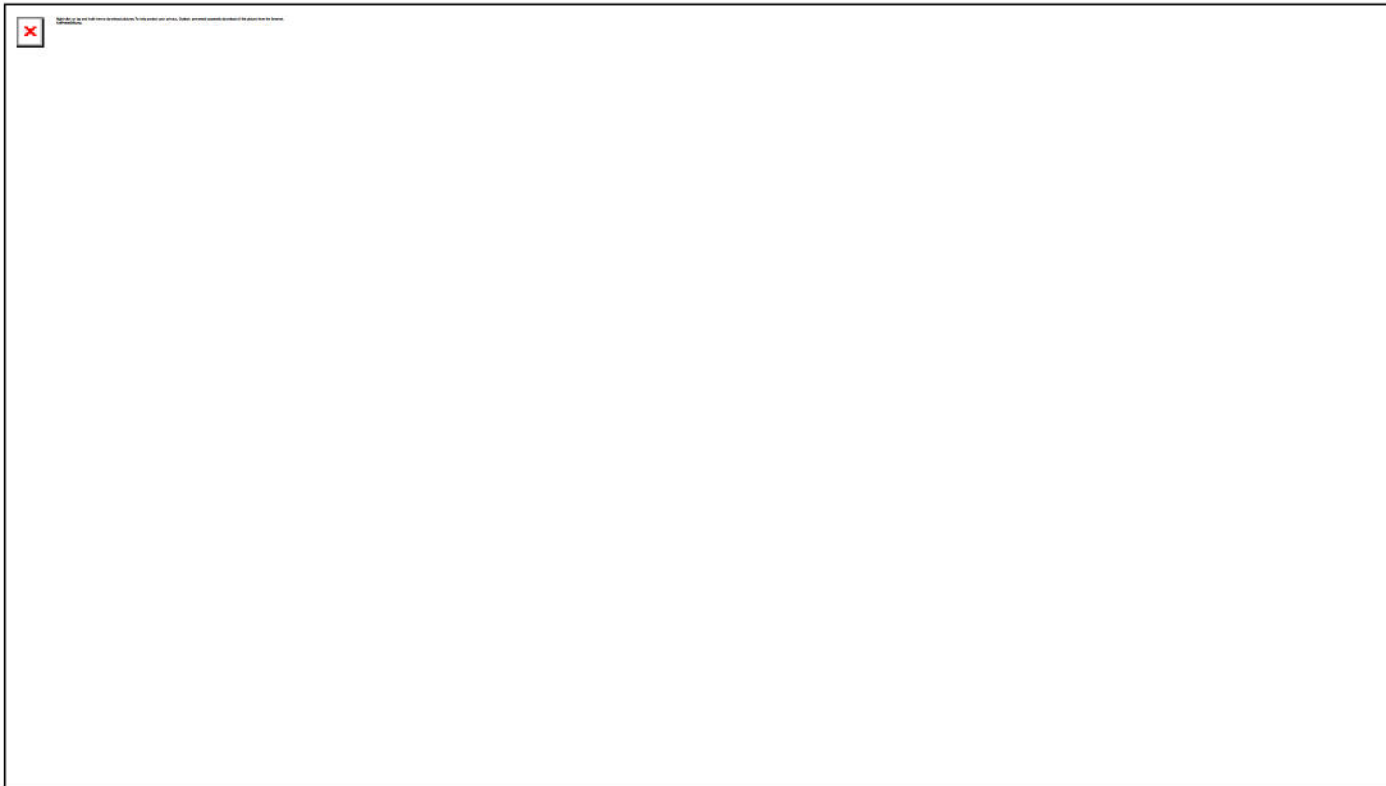


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[WATCH:](#) BUILDING A BRIDGE HOME: ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS



[Councilmember Mike Bonin](#) unveils the draft design for A Bridge Home in Venice. There are 24 proposals throughout Los Angeles for the Bridge Home initiative, and this is just one of them. This ensures the distribution of responsibility city-wide to address our homeless crisis. We have two choices: 1. Allow people to continue living on our sidewalks, or 2. Bring them inside. A Bridge Home is temporary emergency housing. The first Bridge Home which opened near Olvera Street in Downtown LA just over a month ago, has 45 beds. Staff there have already found permanent housing for four of this first 45 people. The next Bridge Home site will open in January in Hollywood. In San Pedro and Wilmington, we are still waiting to see if our proposed sites are viable. I support A Bridge Home because I believe it will be a marked improvement from our current situation where too many people are living on our streets. [WATCH...](#)

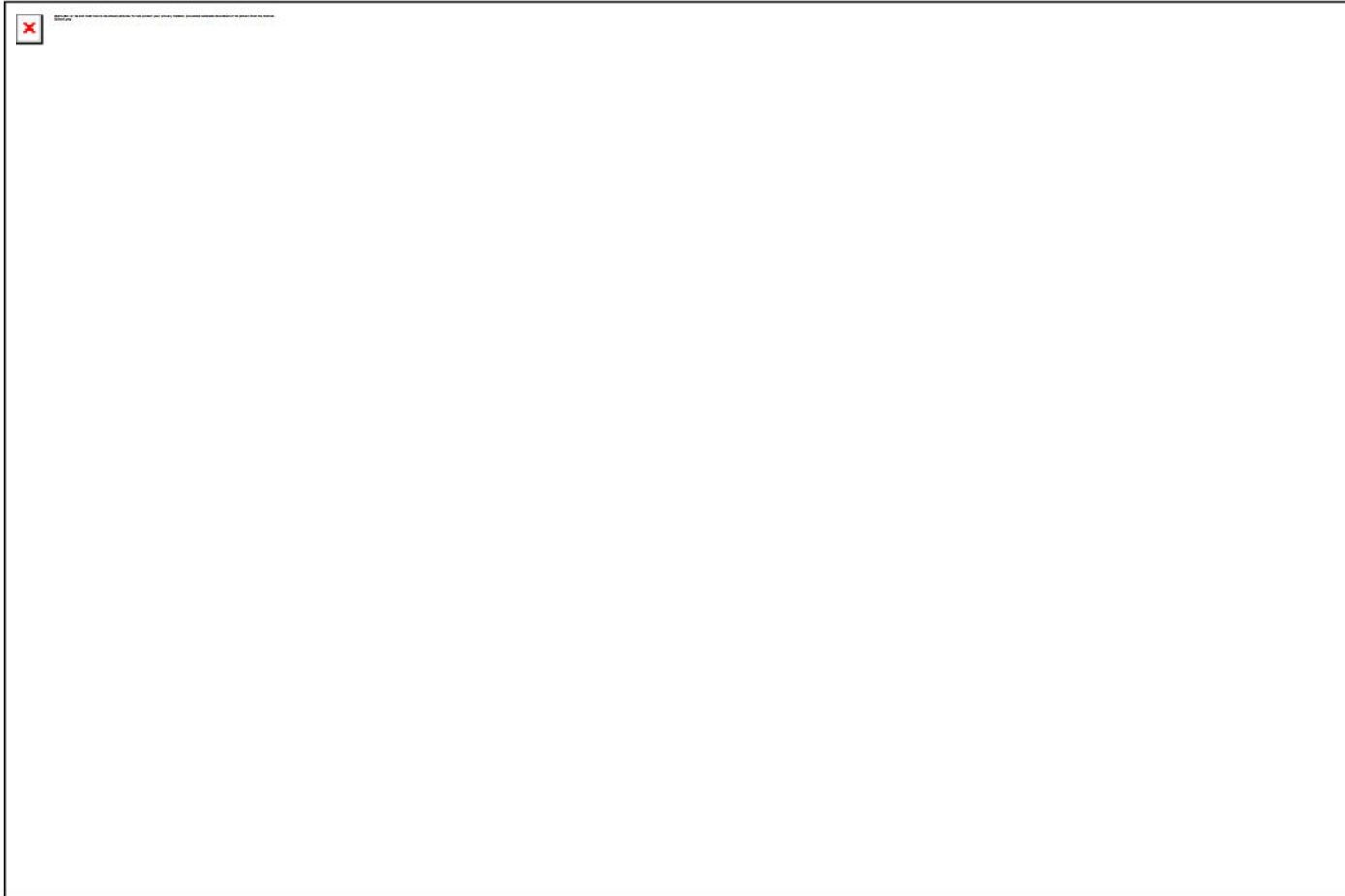


Kait Peters, chief strategy and integration officer and Development Director for [The People Concern](#), a leading provider of homelessness solutions, talks with Councilmember Buscaino about being the service provider for LA's first Bridge Home in Downtown LA, near Olvera Street. The downtown Bridge Home has only been open just over a month, and we are starting to hear some positive feedback. The document below produced by my colleague [Councilmember Jose Huizar](#), illustrates how the service provider - The People Concern is playing the most important role in not just providing a bed, but also helping those in emergency housing strengthen their lives. The People Concern has already found permanent housing for four of the first 45 residents in its first month. There are 24 Bridge Home proposals throughout the city, giving us a real chance to finally create a pathway for getting people off of the streets. [WATCH...](#)



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READ: WHY DOES SPACEX STAY IN THE COSTLY LOS ANGELES AREA? IT'S WHERE THE TALENT IS



[By Samantha Masunaga, Los Angeles Times](#)

A 19-acre site at the Port of Los Angeles populated by dilapidated buildings and rusted cranes is playing a key role in SpaceX's long-standing plan to colonize Mars. In two to three years, hundreds of workers could be swarming over SpaceX's massive BFR rocket and spaceship system there. [READ MORE...](#)



**MAYOR GARCETTI AND COUNCILMEMBER BUSCAINO BREAK GROUND ON AMERICAN AIRLINES
\$1.6 BILLION TERMINAL MODERNIZATION AT LAX**





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Mayor Eric Garcetti was joined today by Councilmember Joe Buscaino, LAWA Commissioner Sean Burton, LAWA CEO Deborah Flint and American Airlines CEO Doug Parker at the groundbreaking ceremony for a \$1.6 billion modernization project that will reinvent Terminals 4 and 5 at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

“Los Angeles is at a global crossroads — a place where the world comes to meet, innovate, and create,” said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. “American Airlines’ commitment to the reinvention of Terminals 4 and 5 will better connect L.A. to the world, while creating good, middle-class jobs for Angelenos.”

The transformation of Terminals 4 and 5 will provide travelers with a world-class experience at two of LAX’s busiest terminals. The first phase of the work, which amounts to a \$287 million initial investment, will result in the construction of a Terminal Vertical Core between Terminals 4 and 5 which will connect to the Automated People Mover. In total, the \$1.6 billion project is expected to generate more than 6,000 jobs.

LAX is undergoing a \$14 billion transformation that began in 2009. The centerpiece of the LAX reinvention is the Landside Access Modernization Plan (LAMP), which will result in the construction of an Automated People Mover (APM). Once completed, the people mover will shuttle travelers directly between terminals, parking and ground transportation facilities — easing congestion at the airport and in surrounding communities.

“Our city is an engine of economic progress, and airports are one of our nation’s most important public infrastructure assets that contribute to our economy. This is why I could not be more proud that American Airlines is investing over a billion and a half dollars to modernize its terminals at LAX. This modernization will greatly improve the customer experience, reflect positively on our city, and be a source of well-paying local jobs,” said Councilmember Buscaino, Chairman of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee.

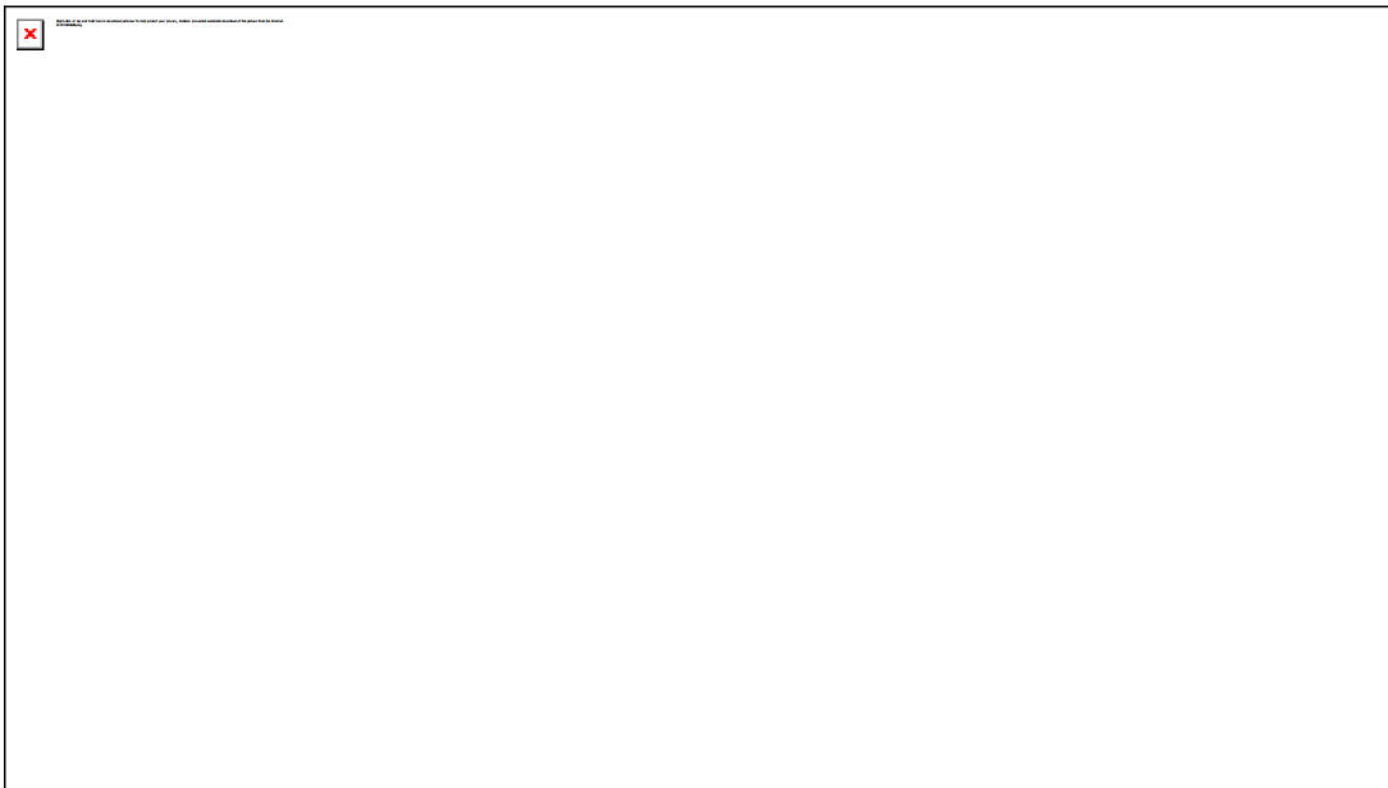
The LAX infrastructure investments come at a critical moment as 2017 was the third consecutive year that the airport achieved record-setting levels for both domestic and international passengers. As a result, LAX is now the fifth busiest airport in the world and second busiest in the United States.

“Today marks an important milestone in the journey to creating an airport experience second to none,” said Deborah Flint, CEO, LAWA. “The improvements included in the lease agreement between Los Angeles World Airports and American Airlines are ones that go to the heart of the guest experience. Working together with our airline partners as we reimagine our airport, we will transform LAX into the gold-standard airport that this city deserves.”

“Our mission to create a world-class airport can only be realized in collaboration with our airline partners like American Airlines, and we are grateful for the substantial commitment they have made to improving our

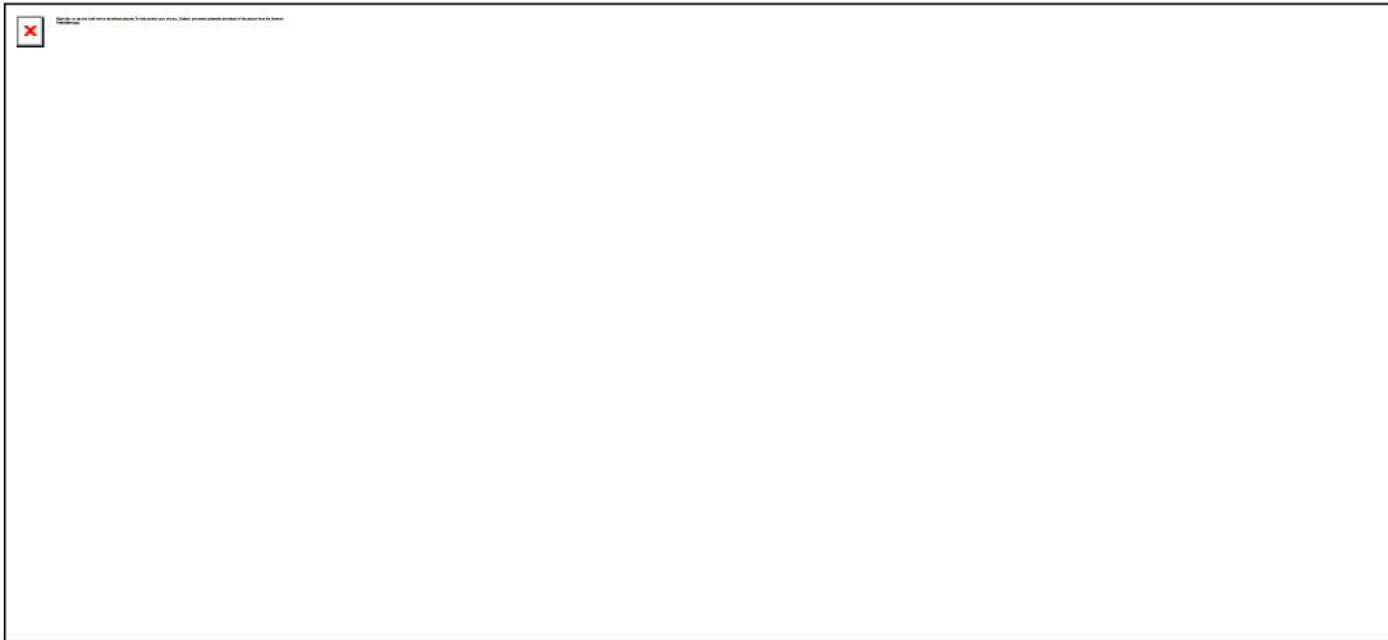
guests' experience at LAX," said Sean Burton, President, BOAC. "We have set high expectations for LAX, and the project we are kicking off today will raise the bar for both American and this airport."

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS



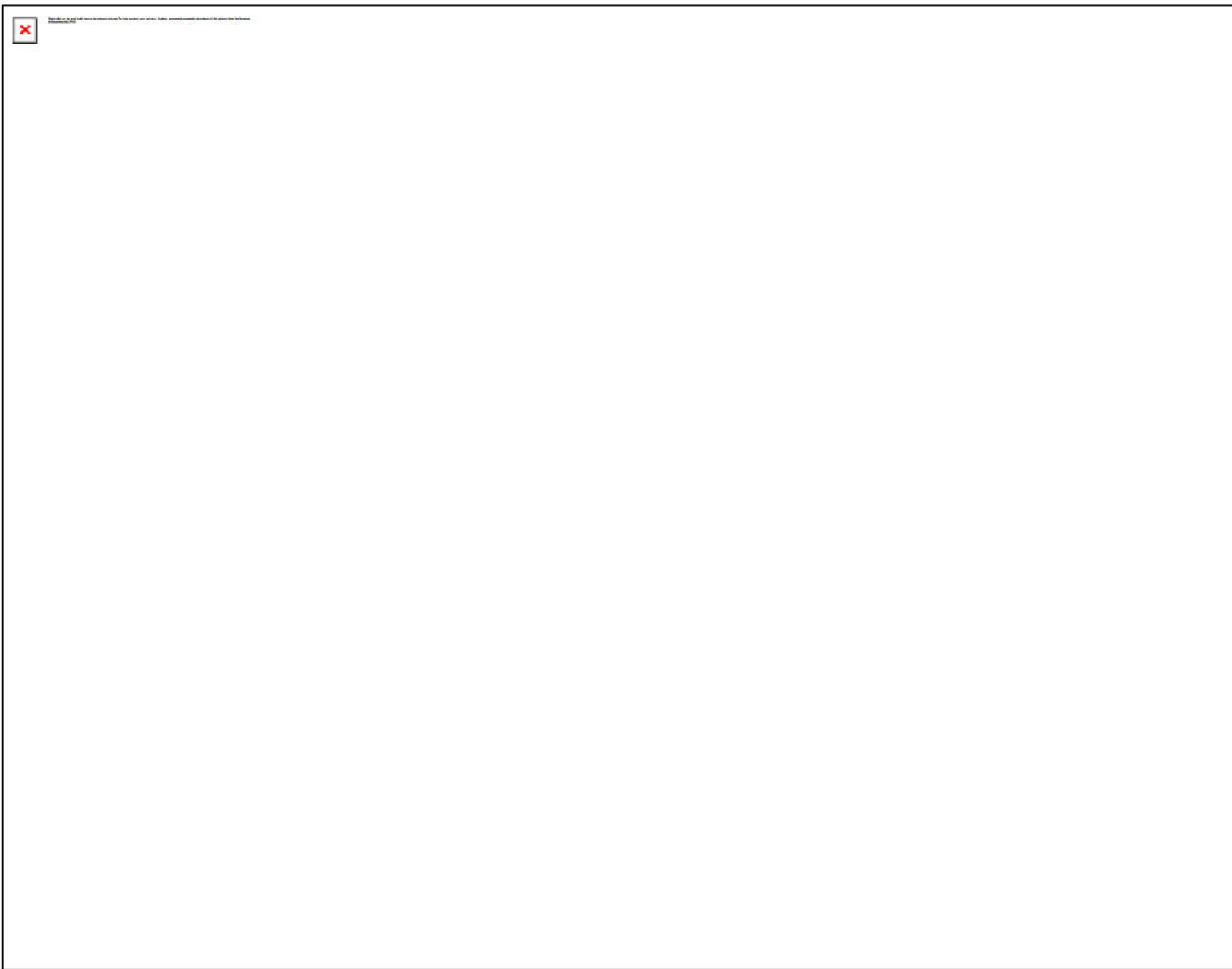
Councilmember Joe Buscaino celebrated Italian-American Heritage Month last Friday at Los Angeles City Hall where he presented six Italian Spirit awards, acknowledging those who have made a significant and important contribution to the community. Recipients include **The Amalfitano and Ungaro Family**, founders of San Pedro Fish Market. **Marisa Antonini**, the founding member of Piemontesi nel Mondo and Our Mother of Good Counsel School board. The Marisa Antonini Foundation was established to assist Italian and American organizations active in education, arts, and charitable works. **Ned Colletti**, former General Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers. **Frankie Competelli**, co-founder of the Feast of San Gennaro in Los Angeles. **Alessandro Del Piero**, one of the greatest Italian Soccer players of all time and member of the

2006 Italian World Cup Champion team. **Italian American Club of San Pedro.** Watch the [VIDEO](#) for the entire presentation.



Everyone is invited to celebrate Italian-American Heritage Month with Councilmember Joe Buscaino at his annual Block Party and Pasta Dinner at Peppertree Plaza in Downtown San Pedro (629 S. Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731) The event will feature LIVE entertainment with Emanuela Bellezza, and Identity Theft the Band! Free food and drinks including pizza sponsored by Buono's Pizza, and pasta and meatballs sponsored by Delizioso Bakery! No host beer and wine garden sponsored by the San Pedro Brewing Company, and complimentary gelato sponsored by Paciguo Gelato. There will also be a bocce ball court sponsored by Grandsons of Italy in America. Please join us for this fun, family-friendly event!

THIS WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY



1. Clipper Darrell visits the Watts Skills Academy this week before the Clippers season opener.
2. Youth from [East Side Riders](#) participate in writing a book on bikes with CJ Miller of PHABB5.
3. LAPD Southeast help students build soapbox cars.
4. New mural is complete on 190th St in Harbor Gateway South.



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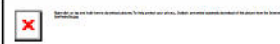




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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATIONS IN THE 15TH COUNCIL DISTRICT!



On Sunday, October 28, 2018, over 10,000 Los Angeles locals will unite to celebrate Hispanic heritage as The San Pedro Property Owners' Alliance, a non-profit organization, presents the 7th Annual San Pedro Dia de los Muertos Festival.

New to this year's festivities is the Jose Cuervo Tradicional bar and Tequila garden. This bar area will offer a variety of cocktails created with Tradicional tequila – the first 100% agave tequila created over 200 years ago by Jose Antonio de Cuervo.

Los Angeles and Orange County visitors will experience a vibrant and historic downtown filled with a festive live entertainment lineup including energetic and globally-inspired performances by two-time Grammy award winning performers, Mariachi Divas, and celebrated local headliners including Salt Petal and Kotolan!

Jose Cuervo presents a Tequila Garden and Estrella Jalisco will have a Beer Garden. 21+ only. Must

present Valid ID for wristband entry. Drinks sold separately. Free admission into gardens with a valid ID.

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Watts will celebrate Dia de los Muertos on Friday, November 2, at 5:00 pm with a procession beginning at the Watts Towers and ending at the Watts Civic Center at 1513 E. 103rd. St.

FIRE PREVENTION: NEW BRUSH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT

Record-setting temperatures, red flag days, and dry conditions have fueled massive fires in Los Angeles. They are spreading faster and burning more than years past.

After a number of fires broke out in the hillsides over the last year, the City Council approved an ordinance to increase requirements for brush clearance and fire safety in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ).

The Ordinance bans metal cutting blades on equipment such as weed whackers and has a number of requirements for brush clearance in VHFHSZ.

Some of the requirements include:

- Brush clearance cannot be done on red flag days;
- Individuals engaged in grass or brush clearance operations shall not engage in any other activities during their actual clearance of grass or brush;
- A two-gallon water fire extinguisher, a pressurized garden hose with attached nozzle (fully open) shall be within 10 feet of any grass or brush clearance activities; and
- A cell phone capable of dialing 9-1-1 shall be charged and readily accessible to the grass or brush clearance operation.

Anyone observed violating the new rules could face hefty fines. To report violators, contact the [Los Angeles Fire Department](#) by calling or emailing. The [Ordinance](#) is effective now.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - HALLOWEEN EDITION



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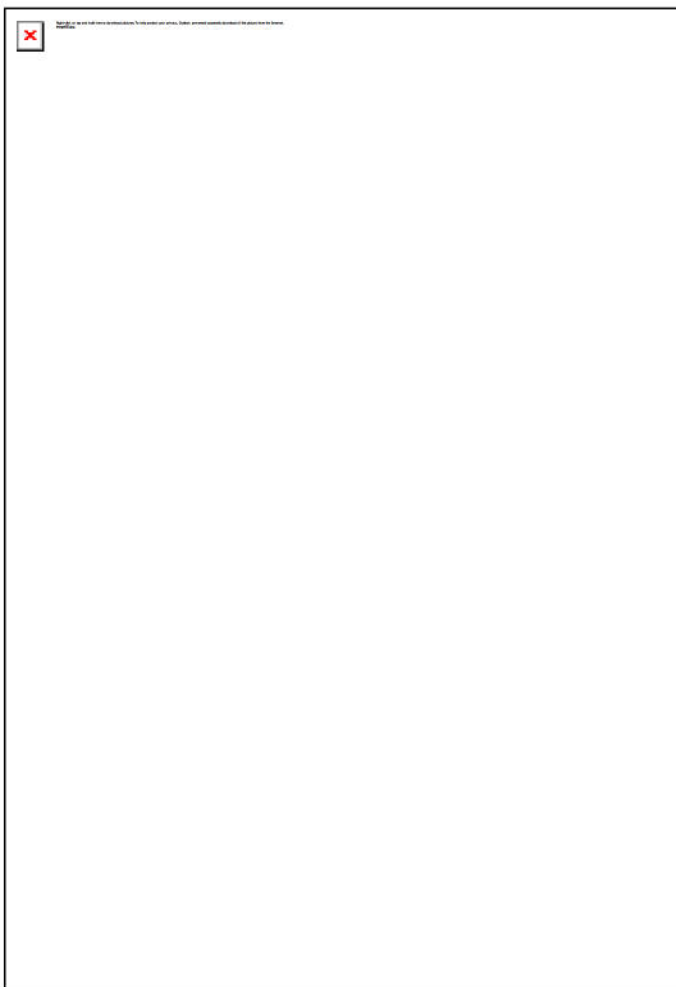


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A magnificent image by [District Vision](#) capturing last weekend's lightning storm in Los Angeles.

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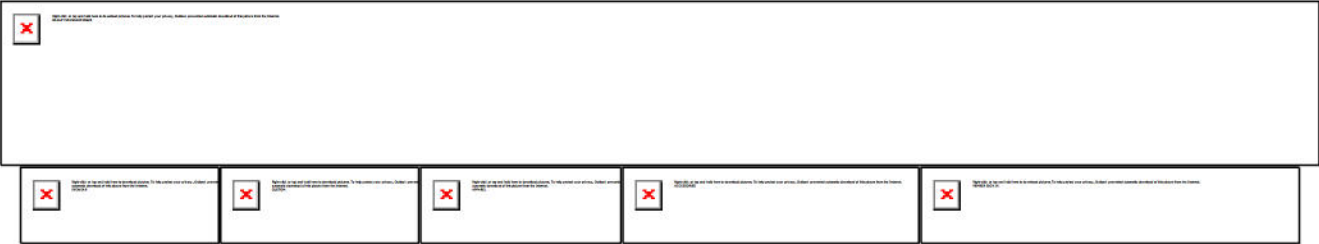
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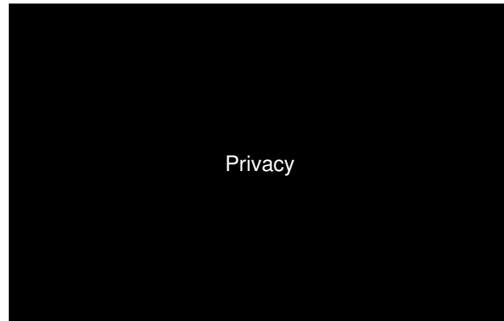
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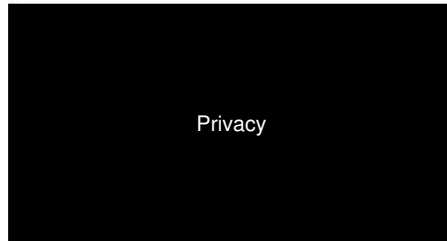
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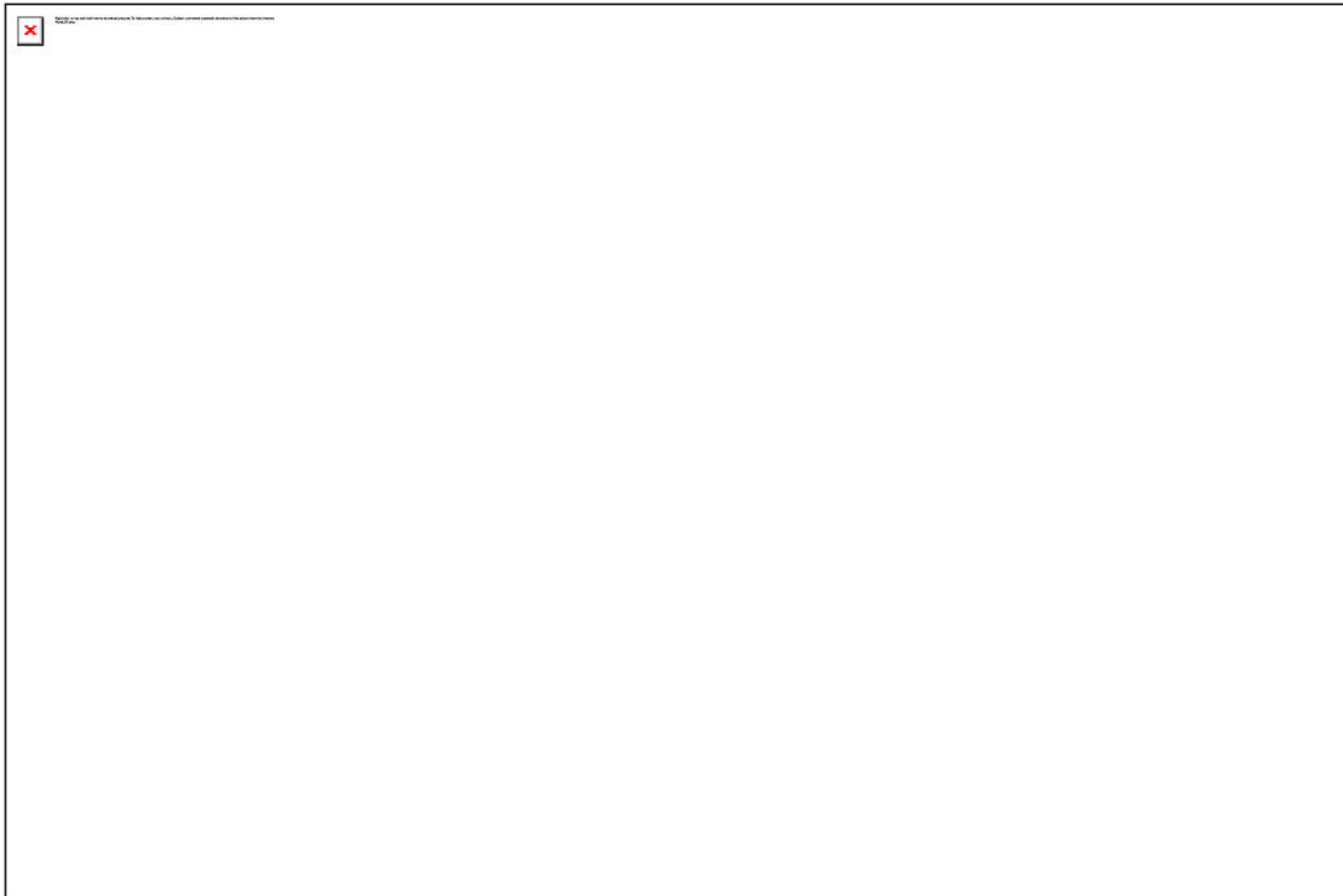
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[READ:](#) 200 FOOT SAN PEDRO MOSAIC IS COMING TOGETHER PIECE BY PIECE



(Photo by Brittany Murray, Press-Telegram/SCNG)

[By Deborah Paul, *Daily Breeze*](#)

The story of San Pedro's history is being glued, tile by tile, onto a 200-foot-long wall on 25th Street.

This mosaic is a feast for the eyes whether you're just driving by or taking the time to stop.

But, oh, what a treat, if you stop. There are whale barnacles and starfish painted with individual cute, little faces. There are cut-out houses labeled with family names. Every conceivable historical, or pertinent factoid

about San Pedro is intricately covered in hand-painted clay tiles, decorative pins, buttons, medals, beads, mirrors, broken china — just about any noncorrosive item imaginable.

One passerby said muralist Julie Bender's masterpiece is "the most complete history of San Pedro" she had ever seen.

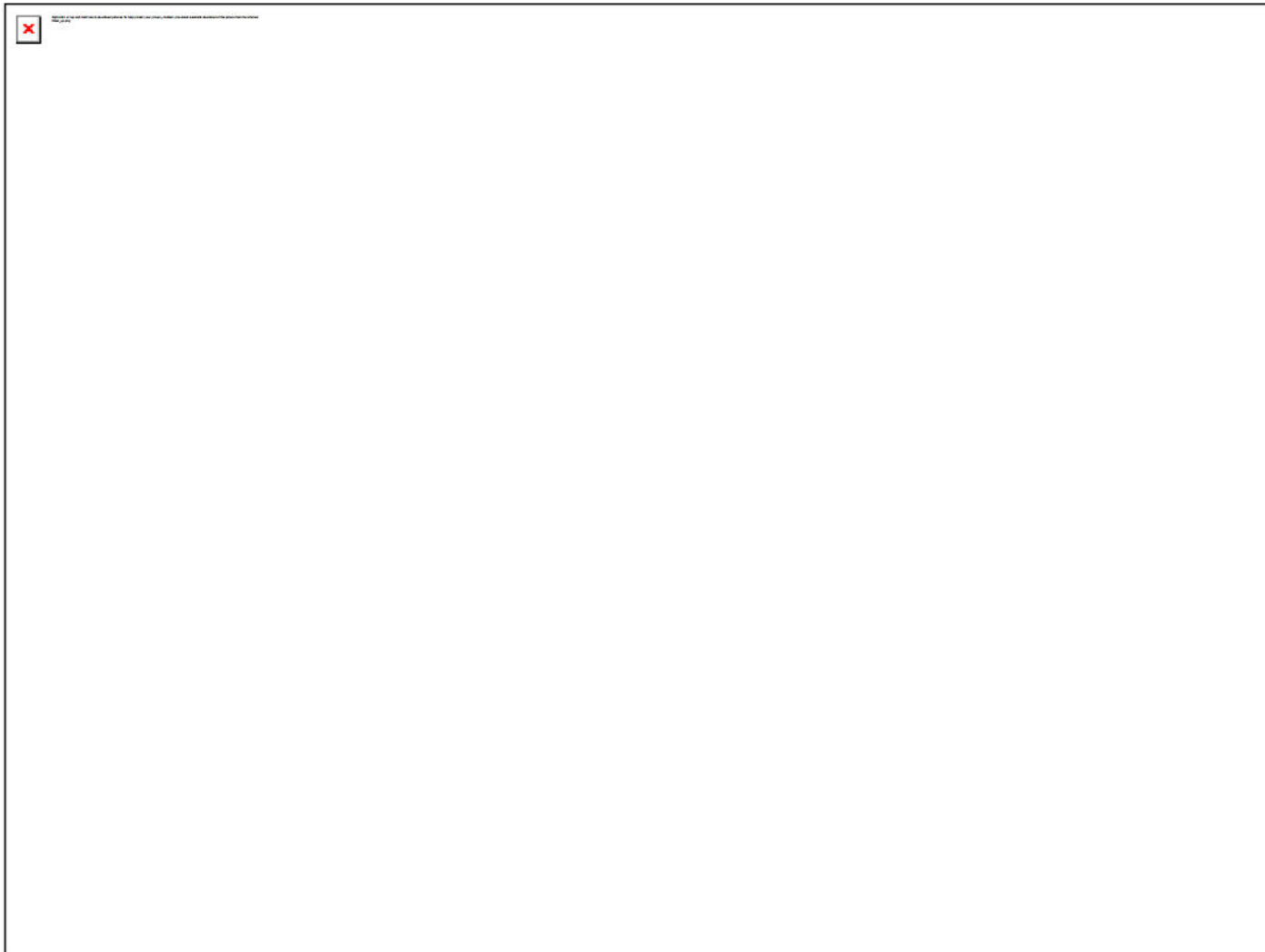
And so goes the intricate, but fun-generating project that Bender, a mother, artist, visionary and former firefighter has created for the community. At least 300 people have participated in making clay tiles or gluing the cut-outs to the 10-foot high, 200-foot-long mural.

And it isn't finished. [READ MORE...](#)

HIRING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JORDAN DOWNS PLAZA

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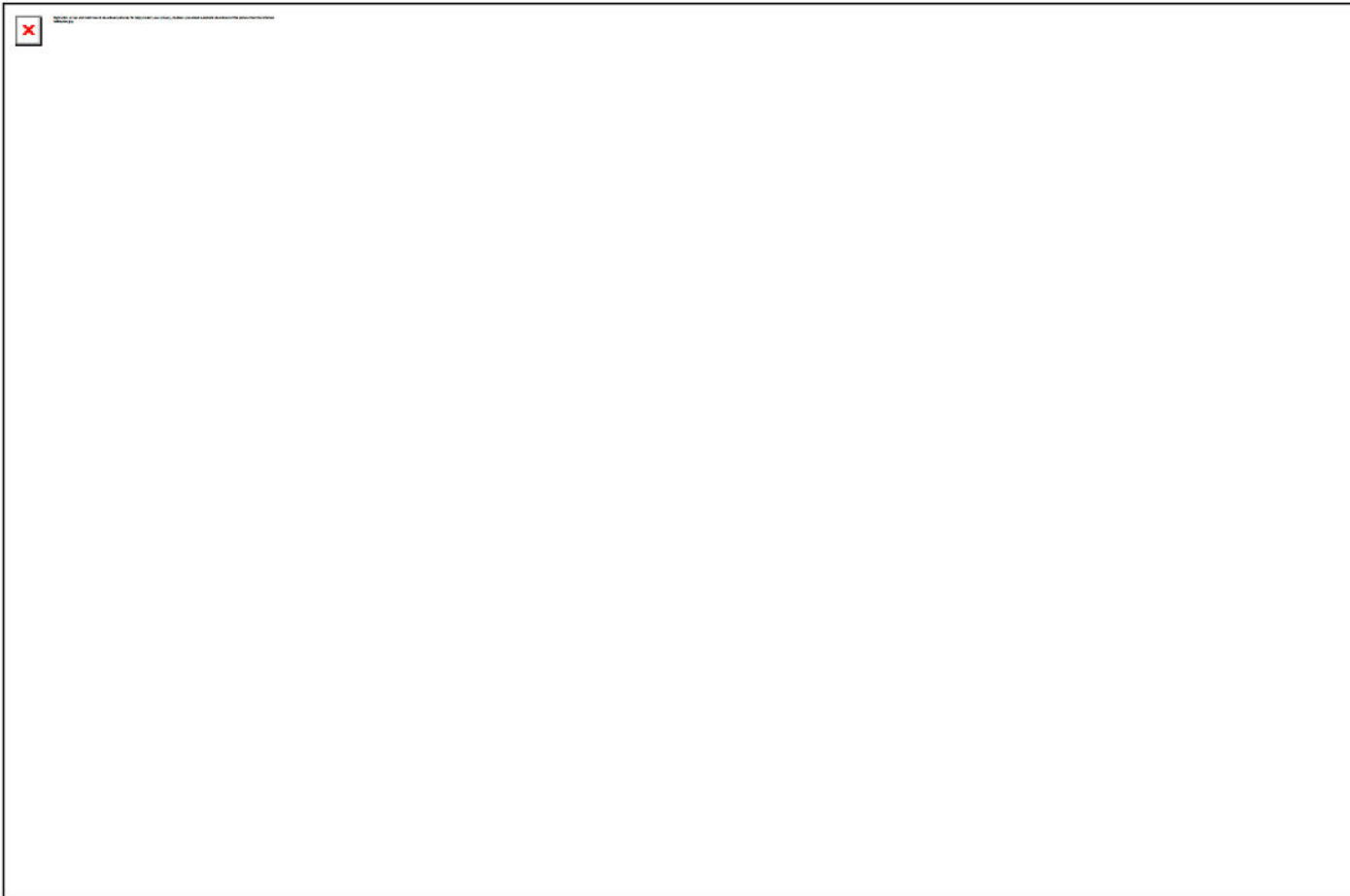
INDUSTRIAL LOT CLEAN UP IN HARBOR GATEWAY NORTH



Thank you to everyone who made this week's clean up of a vacant industrial lot on Vermont and Redondo Beach in Harbor Gateway North possible. There were issues of trespassing, illegal dumping, and illegal

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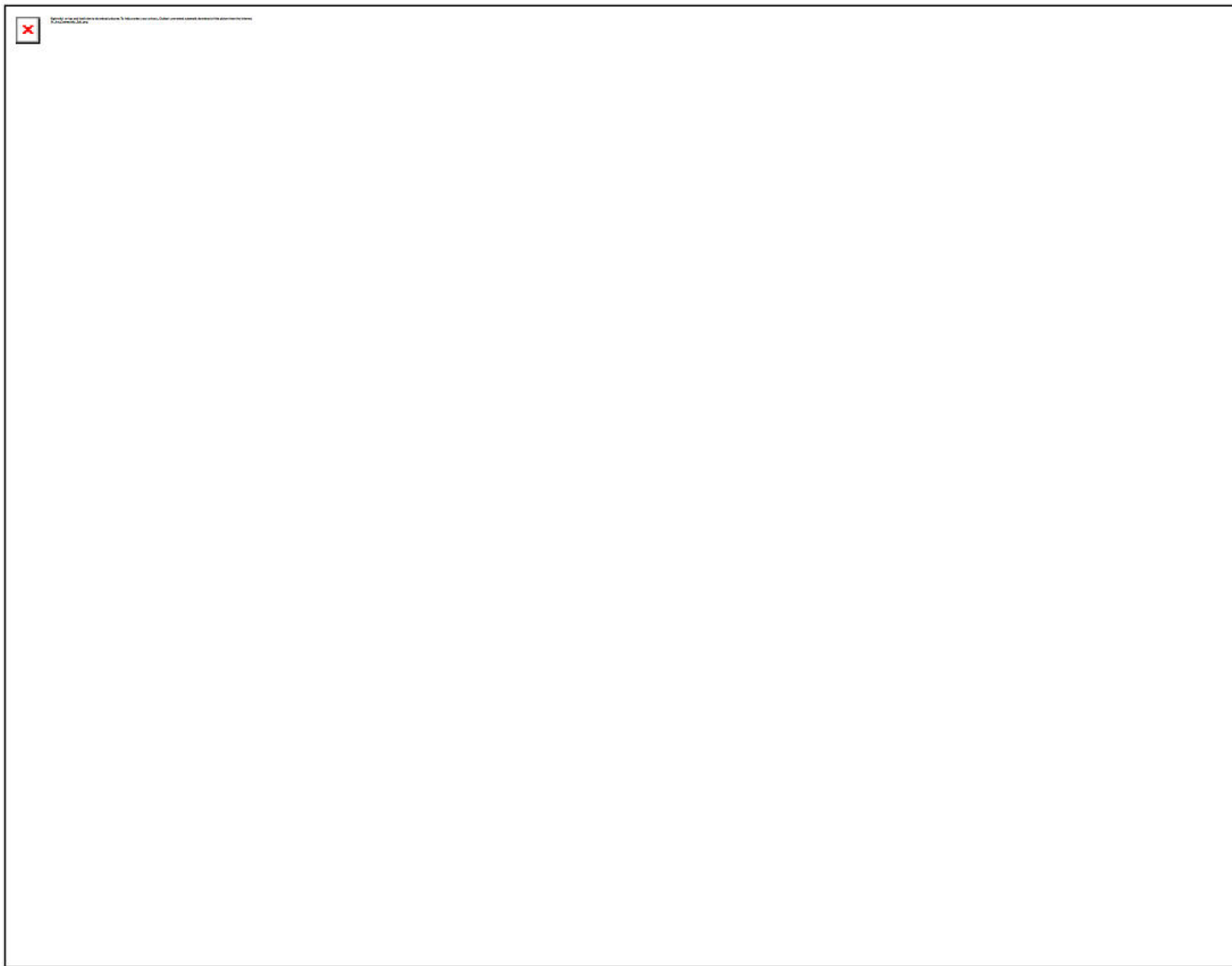
[By Dan Weikel, Los Angeles Times](#)

Los Angeles County residents can now complain about noisy low-flying helicopters to a website and hotline sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The so-called Automated Complaint System, which began operations on Tuesday, allows residents to track local helicopter flights and identify aircraft producing excessive noise as well as their operators.

Complaints can be lodged [online](#) or by calling (424) 348-4354. [READ MORE...](#)

THIS WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY



1. A young student participated in the free sewing class held every Tuesday at the Old Watts Library (1513 E. 103rd St.) from 9 am to 1 pm.
2. New Deputy Chief of South Bureau Dennis Kato, new Commander Jeff Nolte, Captain Pasos and the new Southeast Captain Louis Paglialonga spoke to the Watts Gang Taskforce.

3. Residents participated in the LAPD Harbor Division San Pedro Community Roll Call.

4. Watts Office Intern Emily helped advertise the upcoming Housing Rights Workshops in Watts and Wilmington.

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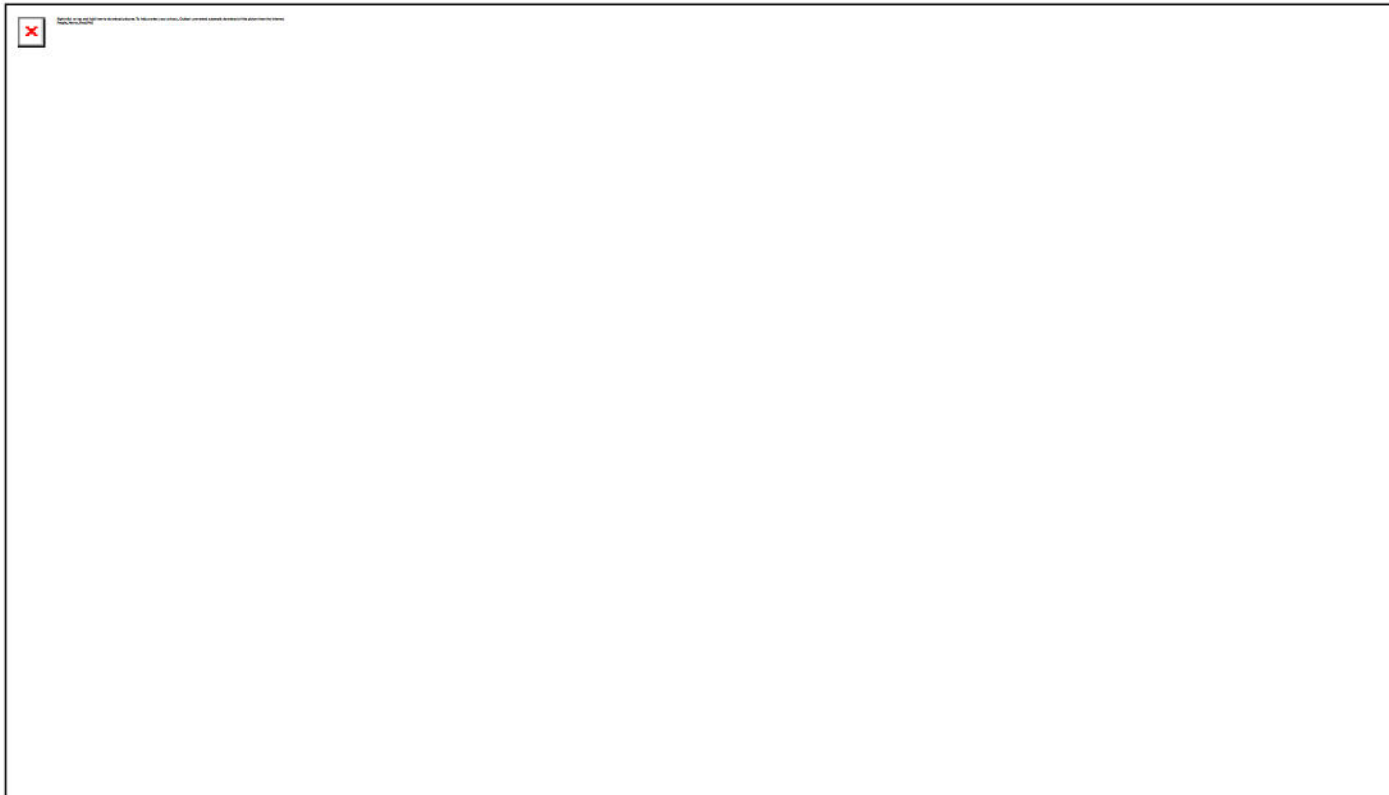
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MORE TO FOLLOW !!!

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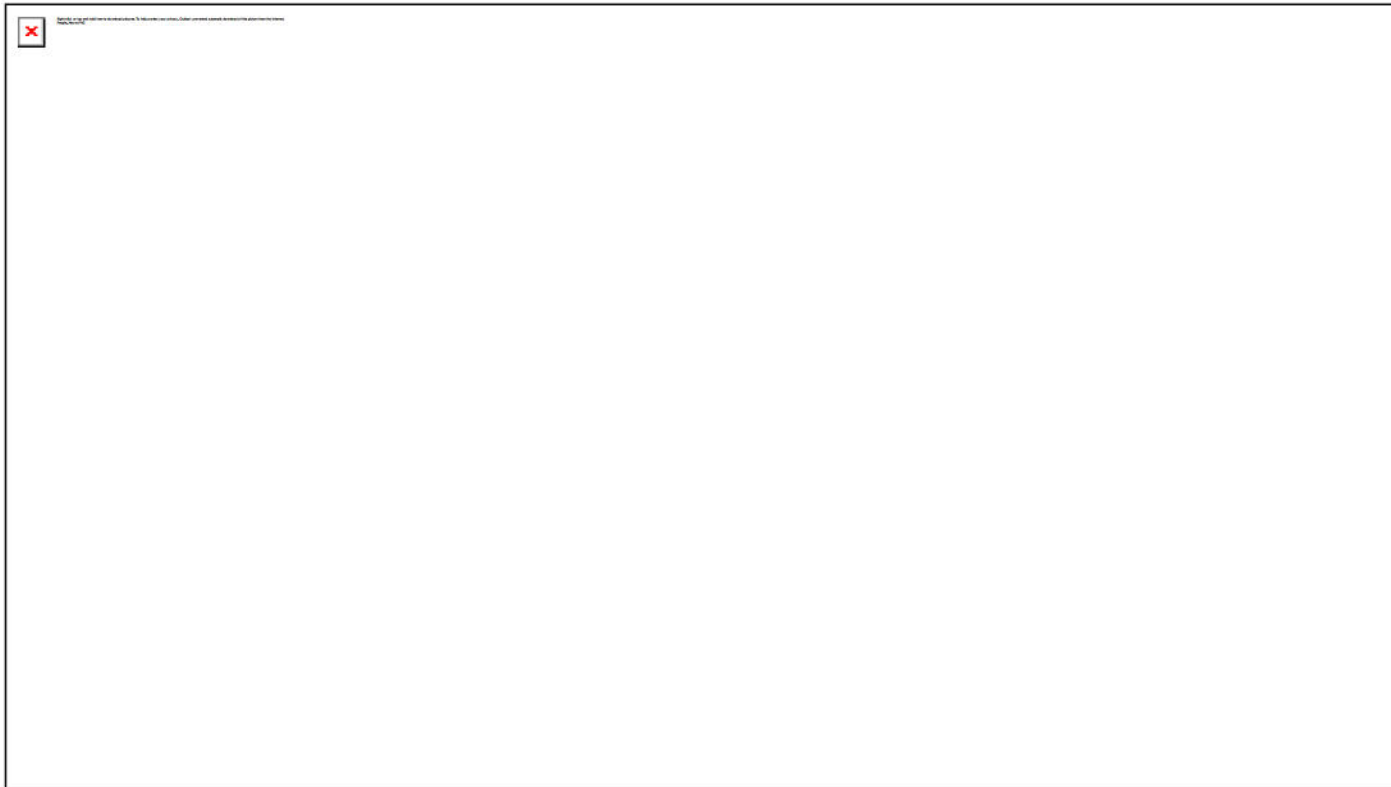
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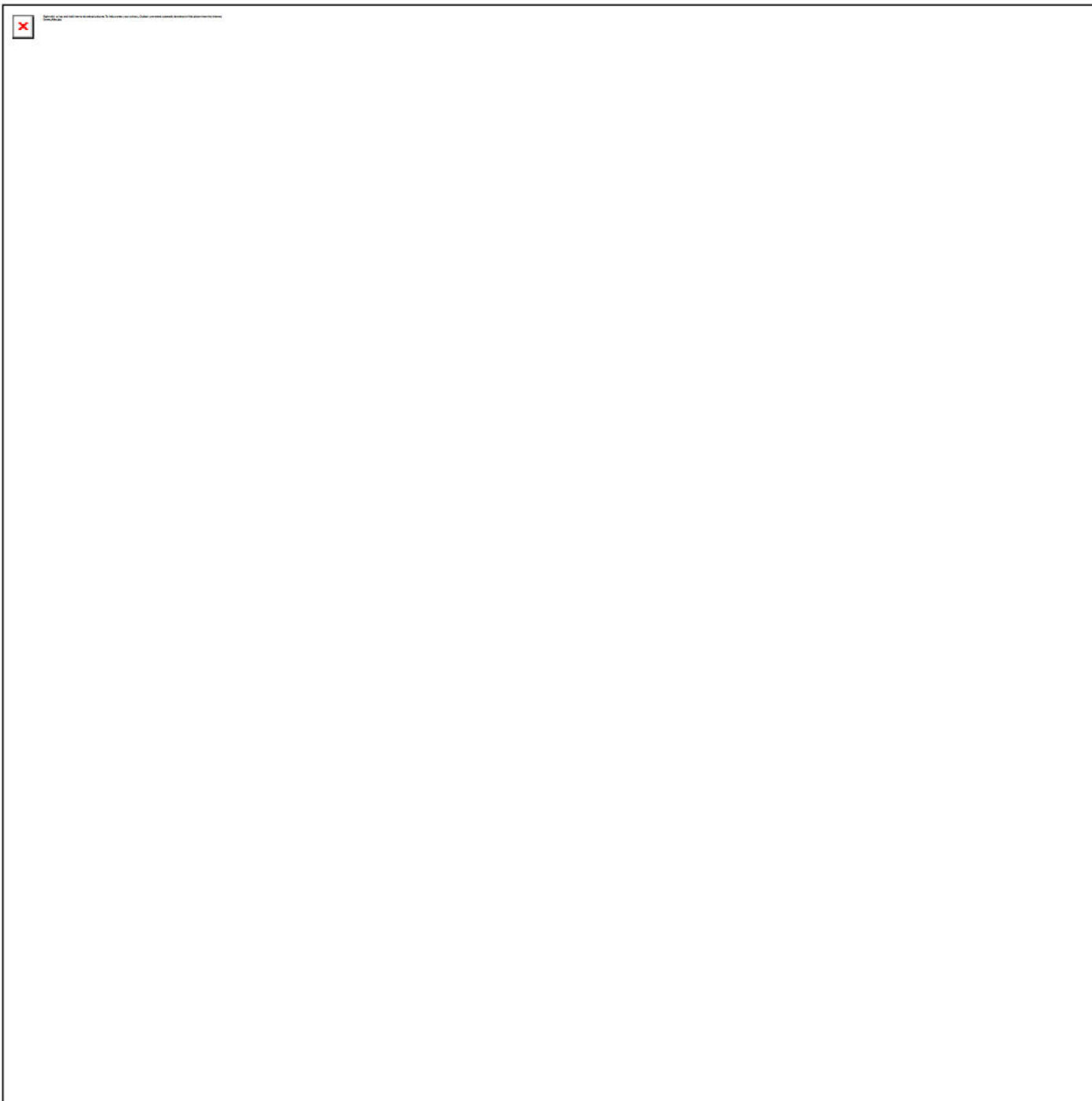


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"This is a giant leap for the evolution of LAX and public transportation in Los Angeles," said Joe Buscaino, L.A. City Councilmember and Chairman of the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee. "The People Mover will make arriving and departing from LAX faster and smoother than ever before, creating a much more welcoming environment. The investment in the public infrastructure project will provide a huge economic boost to our city, becoming a source of great paying local jobs." [WATCH...](#)



COMPLETE THE SURVEY: HELP DEVELOP THE WILMINGTON URBAN MASTER PLAN

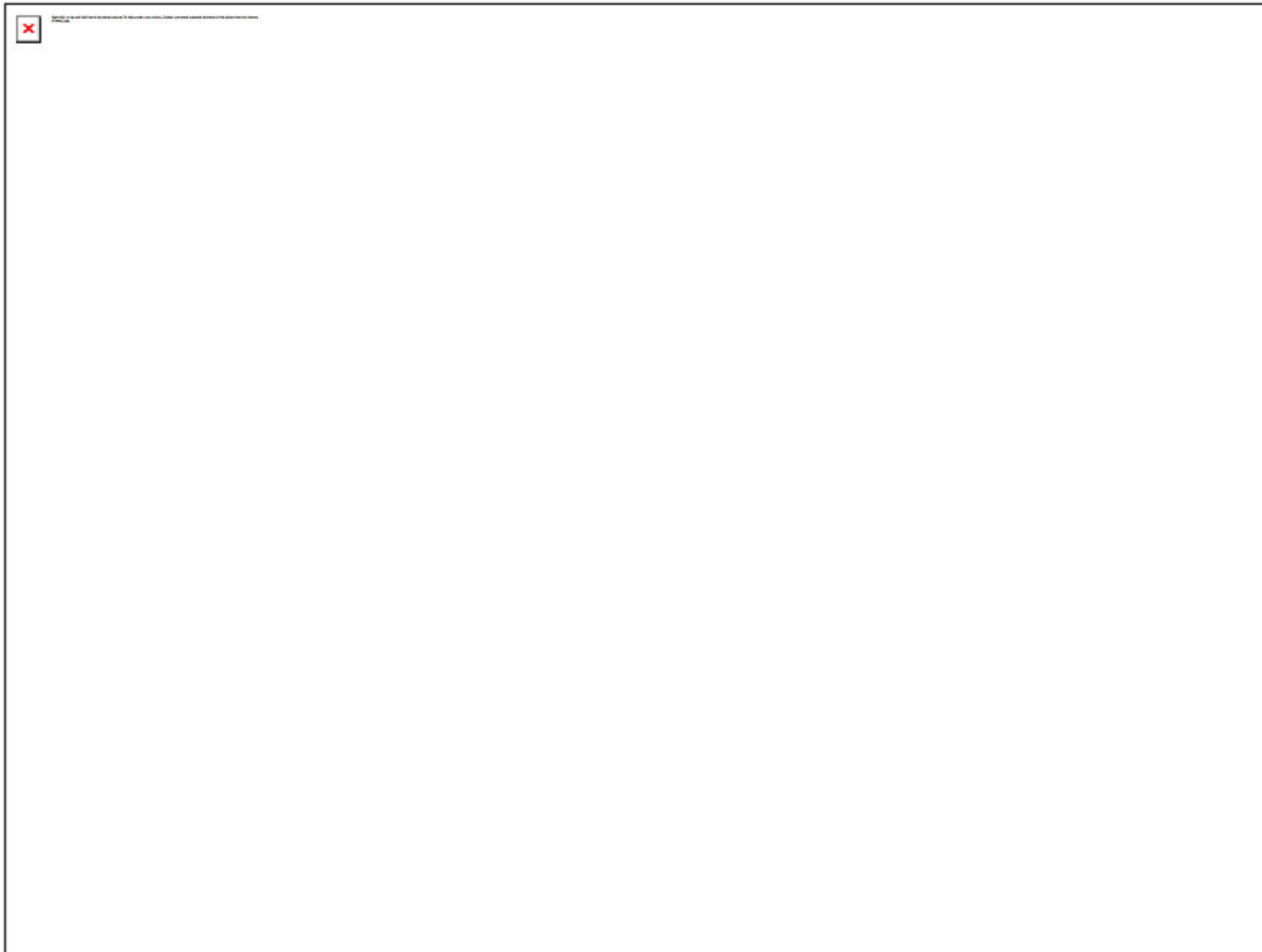


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English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WilmingtonUrbanGreening>

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YOUNG SKATERS DEVELOP PLAN TO RAISE MONEY FOR PERMANENT HARBOR CITY SKATE PARK



This week a group of young skaters from Harbor City met for the first time to form a fundraising committee to raise funds for the permanent skate park at the Harbor City Recreation Center. So far \$300,000 has been secured for the park and the skaters are working together with community members to raise an additional \$300,000 to complete the park. A temporary skate park was opened at the Harbor City Recreation Center in December.

CONCRETE POURING BEGINS AT PALOS VERDES AND 5TH STREET DEVELOPMENT

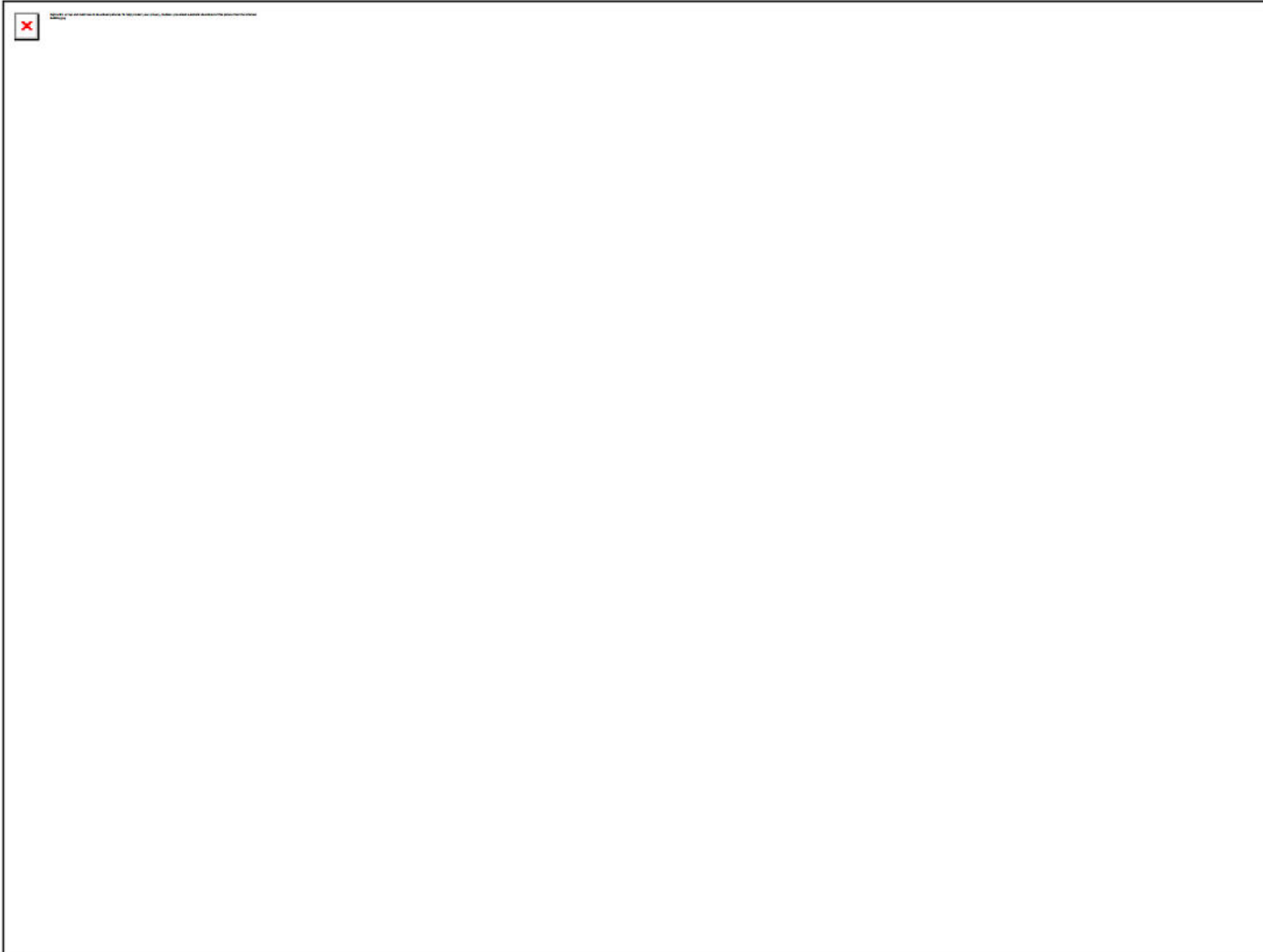
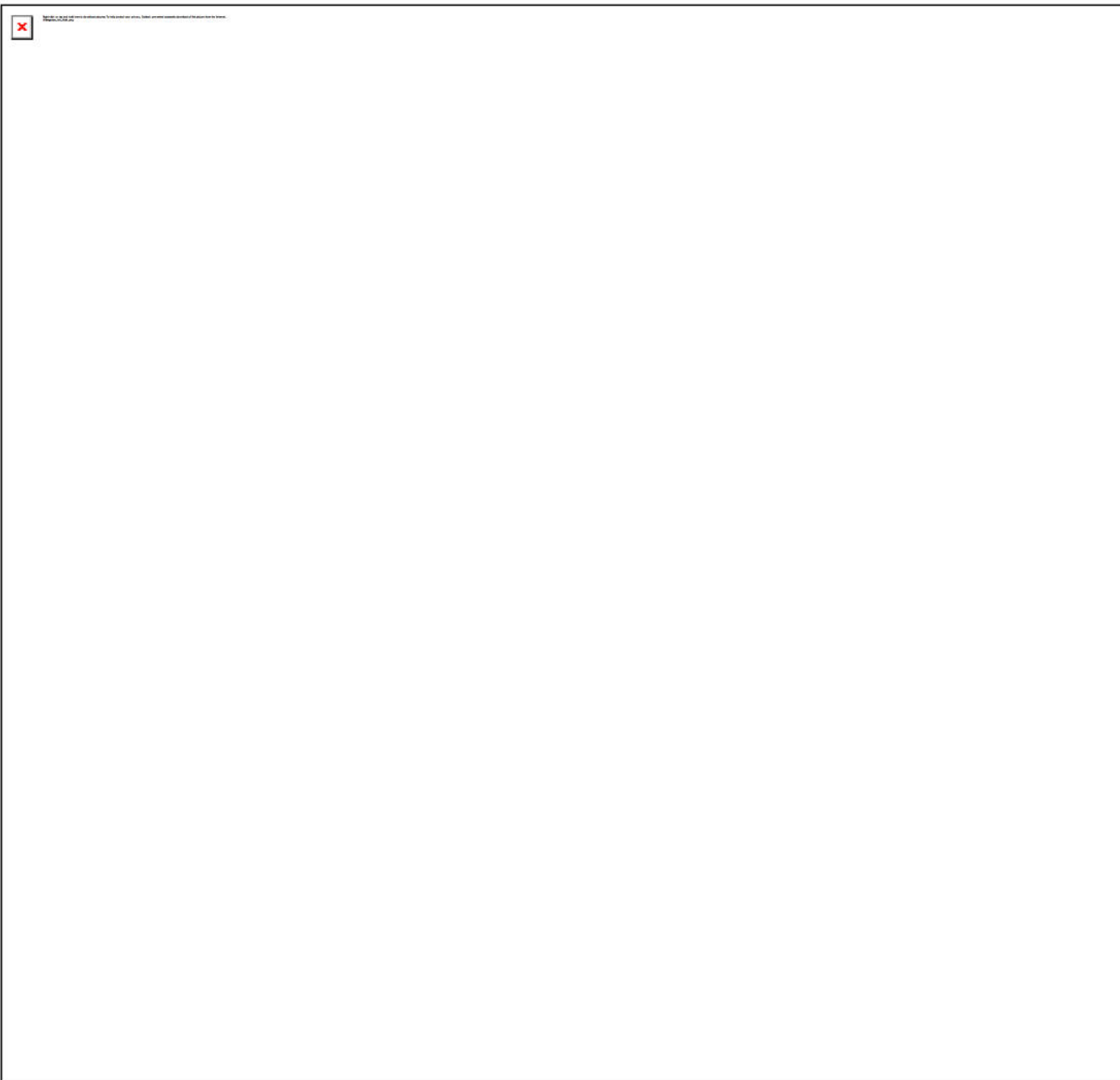


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On Friday, workers began to pour the concrete foundation for the 375-unit apartment building in downtown San Pedro on Palos Verdes Street between 5th and 6th Streets. This is a huge milestone for the construction. Soon we will see framing and the building structure start to materialize. This addition is

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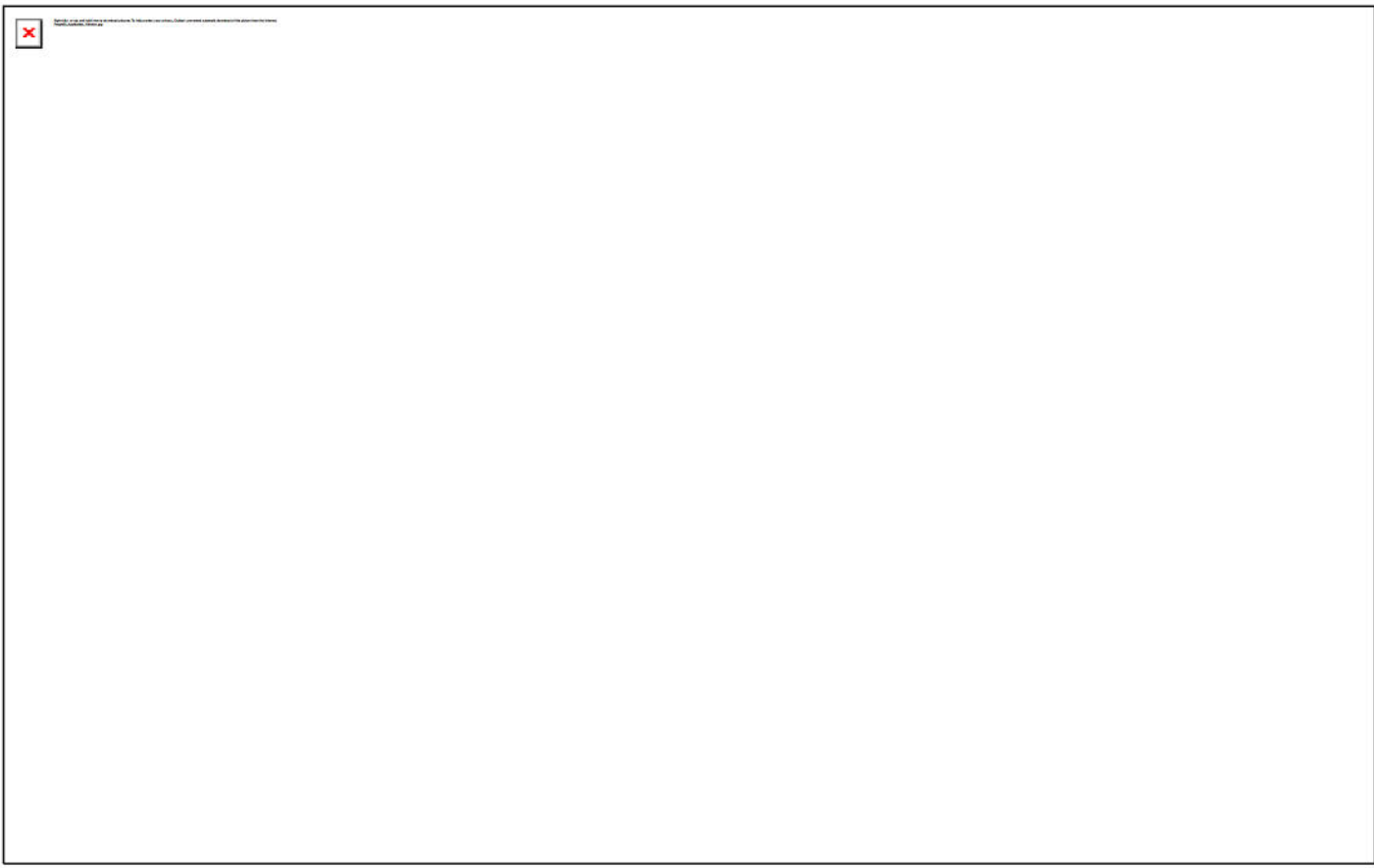
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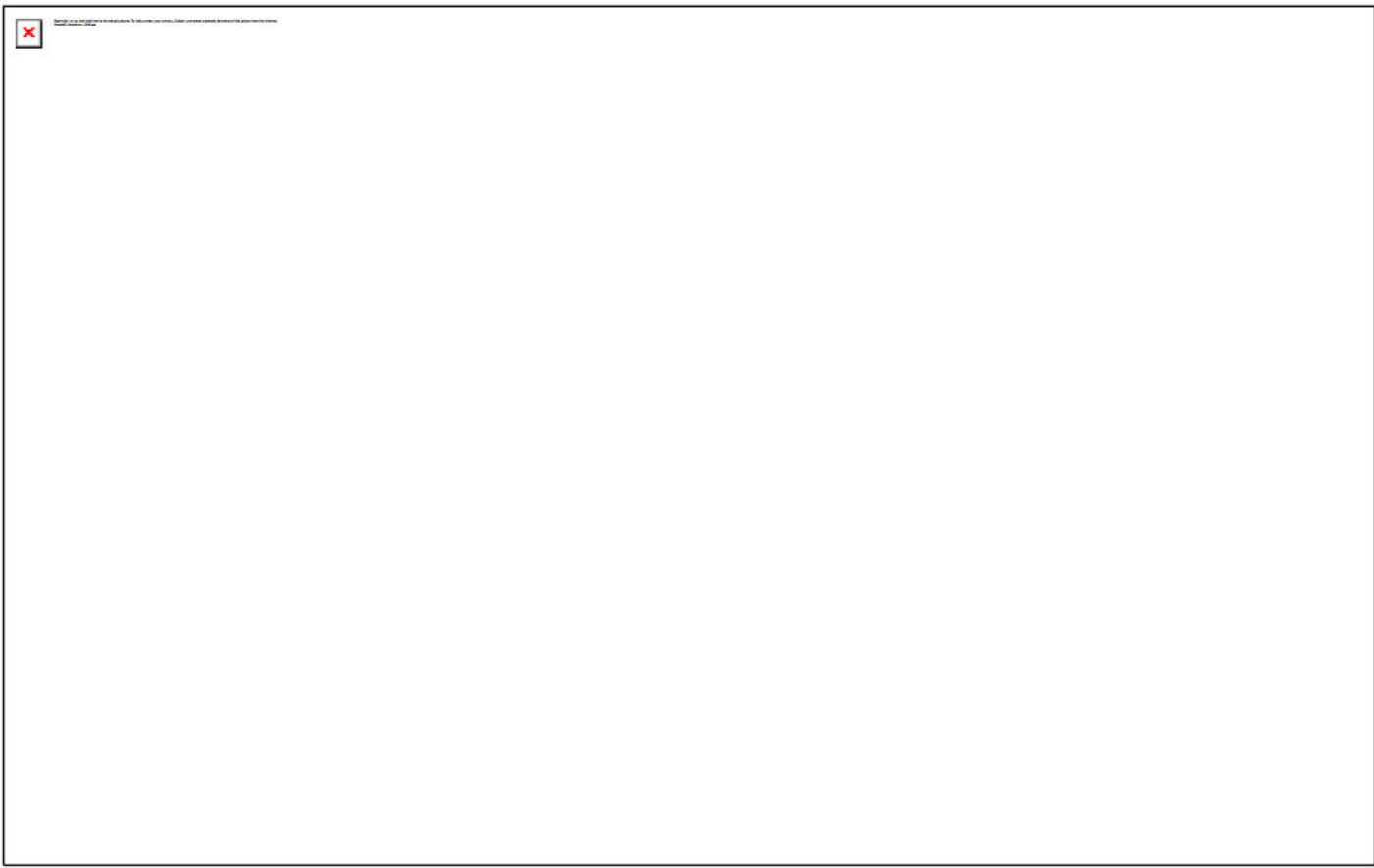


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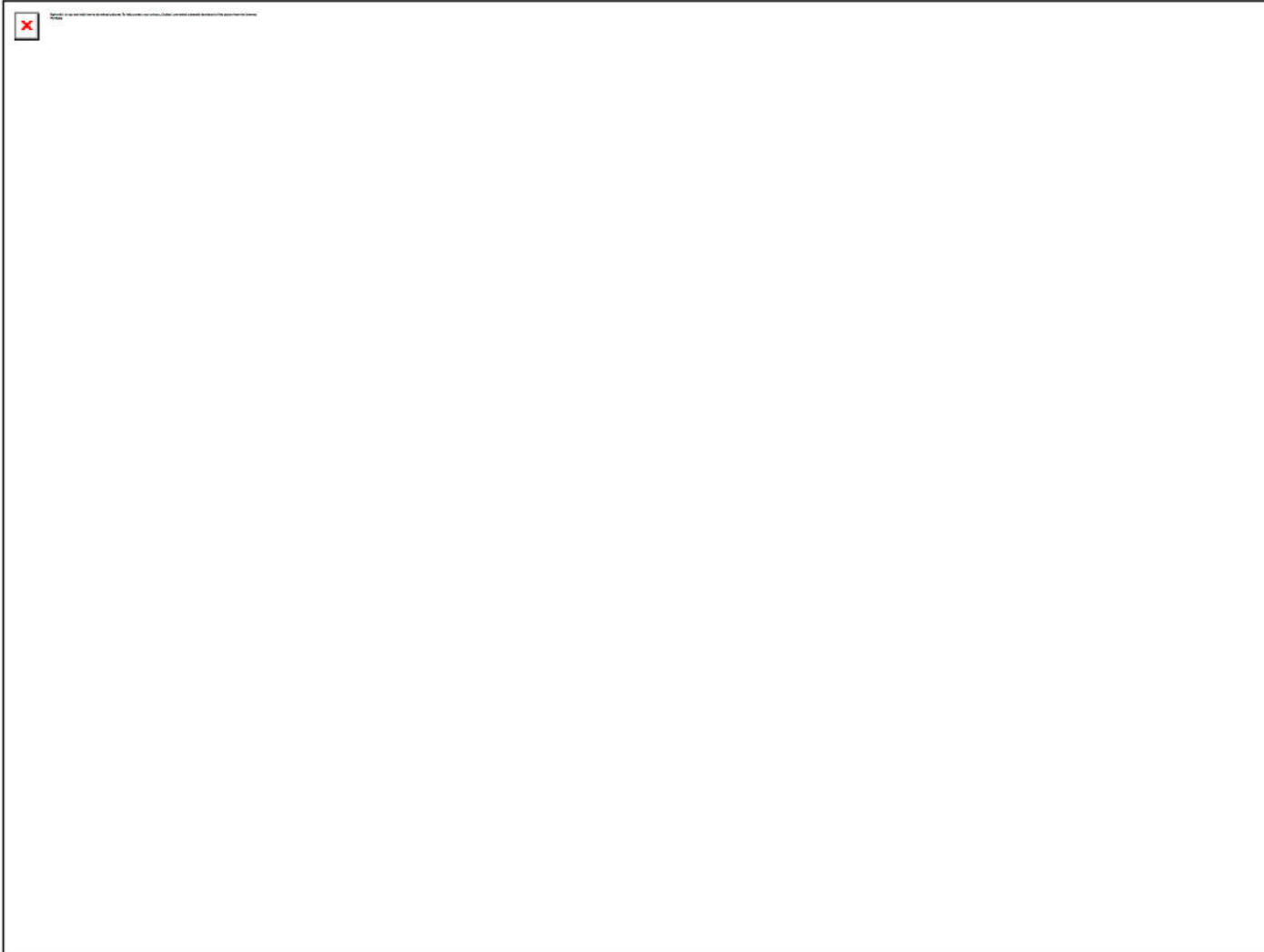


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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Local artist Nuria Ortiz, ([Ms. Yellow](#)) works on a mural on 2nd Street near Gaffey in San Pedro.

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